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ANNOUNCEMENT

With pleasure we announce this issue of The Freeman, today, Saturday, December twenty-fifth, the year of our Lord 1915, as an expression of what we, the colored people of the United States of America have accomplished within the past fifty years. There could be no mode of expression which could at once convey a correct idea of our progress. We may be criticised for attempting a thing so huge and impossible. We have not attempted to do the impossible, merely conforming to the ways of civilization; it has its rules and formulas; it does not stay to ask whether we conform to them. But if we fail it passes on unmindful of us in that we have not been mindful of ourselves, and in the passing prestige is lost. We said many times during the preparation of this number that it was supplementary to the expositions that had been held in memory of the race's achievements. We have helped in giving emphasis to these prosperous days; it is the way we wished to be viewed. The expositions were in accord with the demands of civilization regardless of how they ended. The savage marked their totem pole in memory of great events or, perhaps, epochs. Some say the pyramid was built an honorary sarcophagus to the dead Ramases. The "storied urn, the animated bust," the Biblical tabernacle of stones were strivings in memoriam.

The church is yet more faithful in the remembrance of things which make for its continuity and influence among the children of men. Whatsoever church, Jewish or Gentile, harks back to its great first cause at stated intervals. A festival of commemoration wherein we show thankfulness for the newer day is of a kind with the forms of remembrances cited. Abraham Lincoln made it possible for these days. Sometimes his love for us is doubted. Be that as it may, he is the author of our civil being and the cause of our today's standing. We honor him in this issue as will be noted by the special heading. We take pleasure also in presenting in the heading the two foremost products of the Negro nation—Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington.

What follows in these pages are not all that is progressive in our race. Again we insist that, that is an impossibility. We insist, however, that we present the best that our race has done within the past fifty years. We present in some form, by card or otherwise, every phase of our racial existence, and as a matter of personal representation those appearing could readily take place in a world's parliament of progressive peoples.—The Editor.

The Negro Lawyer has Caught the Pace. Making Good in All Courts. Have Colored and White Clients. Some Interesting Biography.

By Perry Wilbon Howard, President National Negro Bar Association.

THE NEGRO LAWYER.

By Perry Wilbon Howard, President National Negro Bar Association.

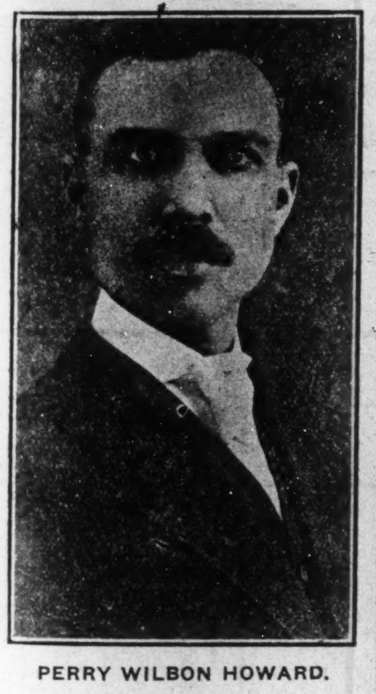
The Negro lawyer of today is by no means the Negro lawyer of yesterday. In fact, he is no longer a Negro lawyer; but he is a lawyer practicing at the bar of this country.

There was a time when our name was the synonym for agitators and our forum was the street corners or indignation meetings. And as a rule our equipment for this special work was about as limited as our practice. And the client who trusted his liberty to the hands of the average attorney of color had as well don the prison garb in advance or prepare himself for the gallows.

Good citizenship was not attributed to us and the average white man regarded the colored attorney in the South as a firebrand in the community and he was to be shunned as would some great plague. And as a rule they were regarded as representing nothing, having nothing and deserving nothing.

But it is altogether different now. For we have practicing before the American bar today 3,604 well equipped, painstaking and conscientious attorneys of color, who are succeeding, deserving and esteemed.

They are no longer regarded, even in the South, as firebrands, but they are succeeding in winning their cases before white juries regardless of the personnel or color of the litigants and are held in the highest esteem by the courts and others connected therewith.



PERRY WILBON HOWARD.

They are no longer regarded as dangerous persons with whom to deal in business relations. But on the other hand they are representing the cream of business in the race, corporation counsel, promoters of business enterprises and enjoying the unlimited confidence of our most successful men. In fact, there are many reputable attorneys in various communities whose counsel in domestic matters is sought beyond that of the ministers.

In a great many instances we have attorneys of color who have been called upon to sit as special judges in cases in the very heart of the South and some who have been designated to serve as prosecuting attorneys pro tem and these have done the work with credit and commendation, notable among whom is the Hon. Scipio A. Jones, of Little Rock, Arkansas, who very recently served as special judge in a case in his home city where the litigants were of the white race, having been elected by the white attorneys to serve in this important place.

The National Negro Bar Association has been in operation for six years, having been organized in the city of Little Rock with the late, lamented Honorable Josiah T. Settle as its first president and since which time it has met at the same time and place as the National Negro Business League and much good has been accomplished.

Its present officers are: President, Perry W. Howard, Jackson, Miss.; vice-president, J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn.; secretary, William H. Harrison, Oklahoma City, Okla.; treasurer, James A. Cobb, Washington, D. C.; chairman of executive committee, Scipio A. Jones, Little Rock, Ark.

The Negro has made rapid strides in the last twenty years and is found in every movement that stands for substantial improvement and material progress. He is quietly, persistently and intelligently battling for the rights of his race first and his clients next. He is smiling at difficulties and overcoming obstacles and his slogan is, "Respectfully but positively."

The race is learning to appreciate him as a most trusted counselor who goes into his case with the interest of his client at heart.

Our schools are turning them out in large numbers who are well fortified for the battles that confront them and they are taking their place along by the side of the physician, as men who sacrifice but as men who deserve the best as a class.

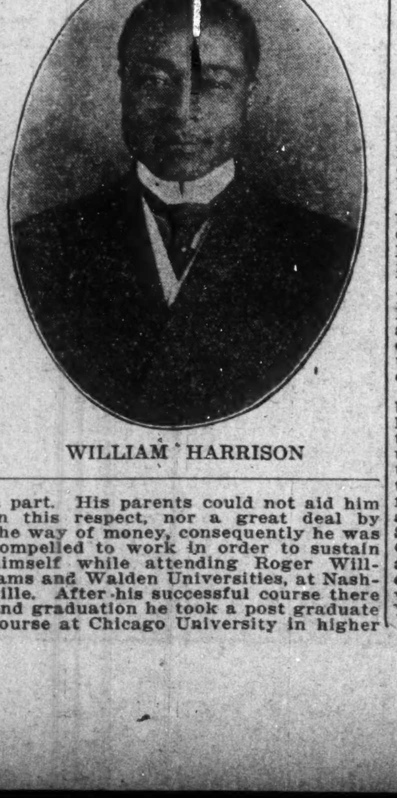
DAUGHTER A GRADUATE OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

Beauregard F. Moseley was born forty-seven years ago in Lincolnton, Ga., and wended his way through the difficulties of the South until about 1892, when he went to Montreal, Canada, and returned to the States in 1893 and settled in Chicago. In October, 1896, he was admitted to the Bar. He has been in active practice ever since. He has a working library of two thousand volumes. Mr. Moseley maintained an office on the same corner for twenty years. The office quarters have increased in rental value from $8.00 per month to $200.00. He has been interested in several racial enterprises. His practice is considered good, and from which he has accumulated some property. He is blessed with a healthy, robust daughter, a graduate of the Chicago University, and now in her last year at the State Normal. Her mother is proud of her and he says that he is proud of the mother.

BEAUREGARD F. MOSELEY,
Chicago, Ill.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
WAS ELECTED SPECIAL JUDGE.

William Harrison was born and reared on a farm in Clay county, Mississippi. Like so many youths of Negro parentage he did not have the advantage of a home in which books formed a part. His parents could not aid him in this respect, nor a great deal by the way of money, consequently he was compelled to work in order to sustain himself while attending Roger Williams and Walden Universities, at Nashville. After his successful course there and graduation he took a post graduate course at Chicago University in higher mathematics, which he subsequently taught in Roger Williams University.



WILLIAM HARRISON

He passed the bar examinations in Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, making the highest average mark ever made in that judicial district.

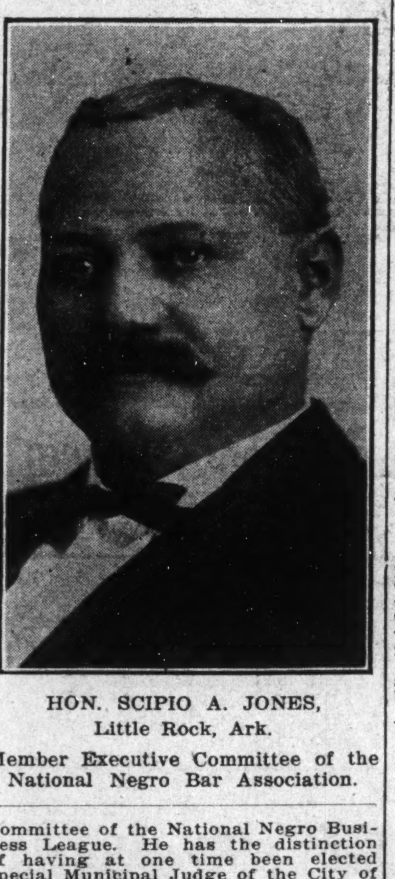
Mr. Harrison had the distinction of being elected judge-special of the superior court of Oklahoma county in a case where all parties litigant were white.

He carried the Jim Crow case to the supreme court of the United States and secured the decision that the law was unconstitutional.

Mr. Harrison has the further distinction of being the secretary of the National Negro Bar Association and Grand Chancellor of the Pythians of Oklahoma.

TWICE DELEGATE TO REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Hon. Scipie A. Jones, of Little Rock, Arkansas, is probably the best known Negro attorney west of the Mississippi river, and the legal representative and attorney of more fraternal organizations than any colored attorney in the country. He is State attorney for every fraternal organization in his State and National Grand Attorney for the Mosaic Templars of America and International Grand Attorney of the International Order of Twelve Knights and Daughters of Tabor. He has twice been a delegate to the Republican National Conventions, once lay delegate to the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, and is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League. He has the distinction of having at one time been elected Special Municipal Judge of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.



HON. SCIPIO A. JONES,
Little Rock, Ark.

Member Executive Committee of the National Negro Bar Association.

F. B. RANSOM, INDIANAPOLIS.

A Leading Lawyer—Has a Good Practice—Attorney for Madam C. J. Walker—A Very Useful Citizen.

F. B. Ransom is easily one of the leading colored lawyers of the country. Really, he needs no classification. He can be set down as a good, successful lawyer regardless of race, as his fine record will show.

Mr. Ransom graduated from Walden University, formerly Central Tennessee College, of Nashville, Tenn., in 1908. He further prepared himself by reading law at Columbia College, New York, in the summers of 1909 and 1910. In the latter year he came to Indianapolis, where he was at once admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state. He enjoys at this time a good practice in all of the courts.

Mr. Ransom has the distinction of being the only colored corporation lawyer in the state. Besides being attorney for Madam C. J. Walker's manufacturing company, he is attorney for the local branch of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for the Frederick Douglas Life Insurance Association, for Dr. Perkins' Foot Soap Manufacturing Company, for the Colored Y. M. C. A. He also looks after the interest of several estates of private individuals. He is legal adviser to Mrs. Lelia Robinson of New York, Madam Walker's daughter.

Since Mr. Ransom has been in Indianapolis he has proved a most valuable citizen. His worth has continually impressed itself until he finds himself enjoying the utmost consideration of the colored people, and he is esteemed by all people, white or colored. As a lodge man he is the grand lecturer of the K. of P.'s for the state of Indiana, a Mason and a member of the Sisters of Charity.

Mr. Ransom is active in Y. M. C. A. circles, being chairman of the religious department of the association. He is president of the Good Citizens League, a member of the Alpha Home advisory board, a member of the board of directors of Castle Hall Association. He is active in the affairs of Bethel A. M. E. church, where he is an official.

Politically, Mr. Ransom is of influence, being president of the Fifth Ward Republican League. In short, he is a very satisfactory product of the years of liberty.

His office is well appointed, located in the very heart of the city, on the second floor. His stenographer looks after the office in his absence. Mr. Ransom prefers the criminal practice, a phase of law in which he will specialize. He has three murder cases pending at this time.

R. L. BAILEY, B. S., LL.B.

Successful Indianapolis Lawyer. Won Scholarship Prize.

Robert L. Bailey was born near Florence, Ala., in the late 80's. He was educated in the public schools of that city and at Talladega College at Talladego, Ala, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of science in 1906.

Mr. Bailey graduated from the Indiana law school with the degree of bachelor of laws in 1912, where he won the senior law school prize in his finishing year. During his senior year he also won a prize of $25 offered by the Colored People's Magazine. He graduated from the school with the highest honors of his class.

After graduation he entered the railway mail service, where he continued for five years, then resigning after a most satisfactory record to enter the practice.

Mr. Bailey has been admitted to practice before all the courts in this jurisdiction, the supreme court and the United States district court not excepted. He maintains offices at 19 East Market street, which are centrally and conveniently located and equipped so that absolute privacy of consultation can be had.

ROBERT LEE BROKENBURR,

Brilliant Local Attorney, Graduate of Hampton Institute and Howard University, Has Good Law Practice.

Robert Lee Brokenburr, one of the most brilliant and successful local attorneys, graduated from the Hampton Institute and the Howard University Law School with high honors. He came to the city in the fall of 1909 and began the practice of law, since which time he has built up what is regarded by many as the largest following of any colored attorney at the bar. He is regarded as most tactful and aggressive, which has caused him to be retained in some of the most delicate transactions and in cases in which the entire community has been interested. He is attorney for many of the leading business firms, the Masonic Hall Association and the Local Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Brokenburr is more than a local attorney. He is in constant demand throughout the state in both civil and criminal cases. He is held in such high regard that the attorneys in the smaller cities where there are no libraries constantly retain him to counsel them in handling their important cases.

Mr. Brokenburr is a high churchman, having been elected to lay delegate for Indiana to the last and to the next General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, which will be held in Louisville, Ky., next spring. He is president of the Local Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., president of the Hampton Alumni Circle, a Mason and a Pythian.

In politics, Mr. Brokenburr is a Republican. He is always regarded as trustworthy because he is firm in his convictions, true to his race and the interests of the party and country.

J. H. LOTT, INDIANAPOLIS.

Attorney Lott Has Handled Big Cases. Was Local Counsel for Wabash R. R. Co.—Was Retained for a Sepaarte Coach Suit.

J. H. Lott of Indianapolis is considered as the dean of the colored lawyers of this city. He has long since been conceded to be one of the best legal-minded individuals the race has produced. He is of the best standing in all ways.

Mr. Lott was admitted to the bar in the state of Illinois after having passed an examination by the supreme court of that state at Springfield. He was signally honored at the beginning of his career by being elected city attorney of Paxton, Ill., his home town, in which capacity he served for four years. He was particularly honored by the fact that Paxton had only three colored voters.

All along his clients have been of both races. He had the distinction of serving the Wabash Railroad company as local counsel for Ford county, Illinois. Various companies, insurance and others, have retained him from time to time, and to which he always gave satisfactory service.

In 1893, when in Evansville, Ind., Mr. Lott was retained by a committee of prominent Negroes, mostly of Kentucky, to test the constitutionality of the separate coach law of that state, Kentucky, in that the law was held to operate in an interstate manner, having to do with the passengers that entered the state from elsewhere. The case was Rev. W. H. Anderson against the L. & N. Railroad Company. He won for his client. He had charge of the case: The State of Indiana against Jim Davis, charged with the murder of Doc Lung. He also had charge of the Harvey Singleton murder case; and others which spoke well for his legal ability and his status in the various courts of Indiana.

Mr. Lott is now serving his eighth year as grand attorney of the K. of P. lodges of Indiana. This in itself is a tribute to his worth and ability. He is essentially a lawyer, well steeped in the profession, adhering always to the facts and the law, presenting them in such a clear and forceful way that the court finds it easy to rank him among the knowing ones of the profession, and gives him consideration accordingly. Mr. Lott enjoys the respect of all who know him.

CARY B. LEWIS, JOURNALIST. ESSAY PRIZE WINNER

Recently Elected Assistant Publicity Director of Kentucky State Exposition.

(By Alfred Anderson.)

Perhaps one of the most well known men in the journalist field is Cary B. Lewis, Chicago, Ill., whose reputation as a writer is acknowledged by the leading lights in both the white and colored newspaper world. It will be remembered that Cary B., as his friends familiarly call him, first associated himself with the Louisville Courier-Journal, and under the guidance of that noble veteran of the pen, Col. Henry Watterson, he emerged fully prepared to take his place and compete with the best in his field. Mr. Lewis has been associated with the Chicago Defender, and was largely instrumental in putting that paper upon its high plane. The Indianapolis Freeman has given his correspondence the most prominent place in its paper for a great number of years, realizing that his matter was always alive and full of timely and interesting topics.

CARY B. LEWIS.

As a hustler, promoter, press agent, news gatherer and general all round newspaper man, he is worthy of the title, "The Press," which many in the "Windy City" give him. Mr. Lewis also has won considerable reputation as a speaker and essayist, having won numerous diamond medals in hotly contested essay contests. The Kentucky State Exposition Commission are extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Lewis as publicity man for their semi-centennial to be held this coming summer, for by the time the door is open there will be not a city or hamlet in this broad country, if we are to judge by his past record, that will not be apprised by newspaper, billboard or some form of advertising that the Exposition will be held. To sum the whole thing up in a nut shell, it can be truly said that the subject of this sketch is a "crackerjack."

Owing to the Unusual Demand for space at the Last Moment, we find it necessary to continue the Exposition effort in the issue of Jan. 1, a big number.

GREETINGS.

(To Our Readers.)

Friends, there are so many blessings
That we could wish for you today,
Wishes of wealth and joys and health,
And "The trail of the Godly way."

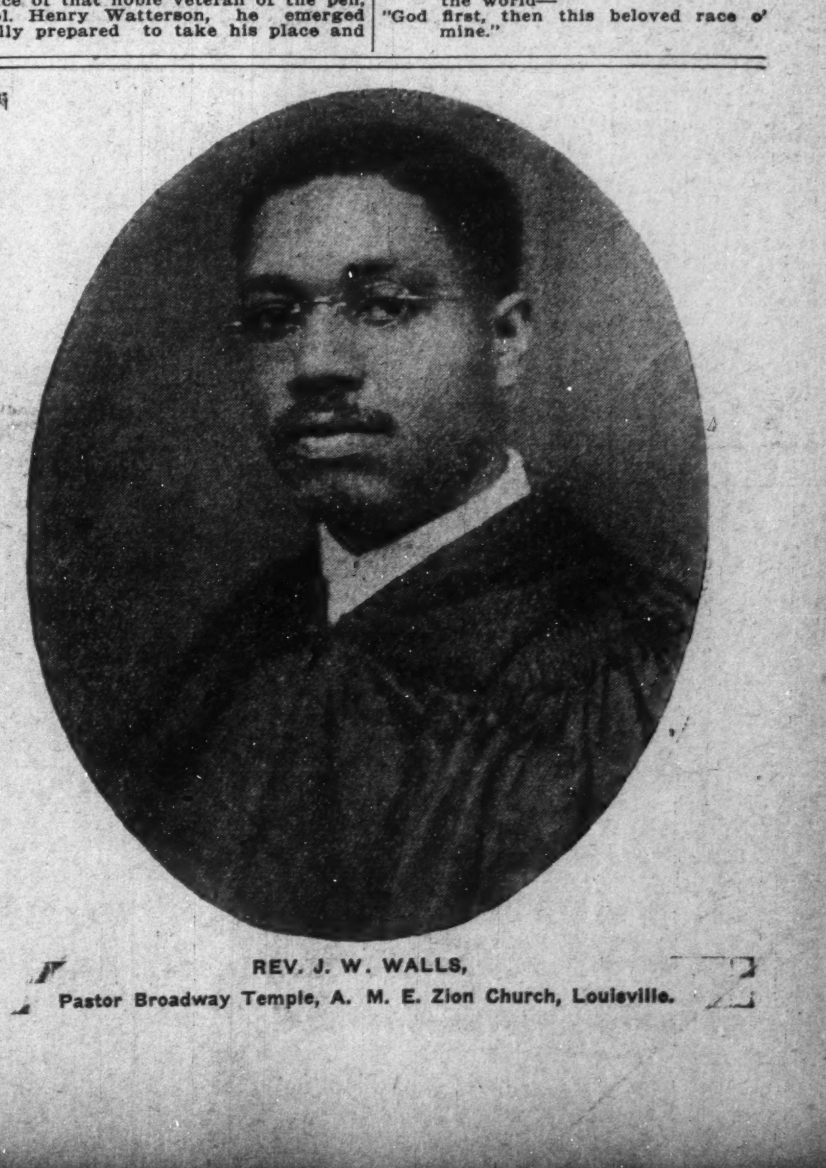
So we guess we'll give our fondest wish
To the ears of God alone,
To guide you on through calm and storm
To "The realm of the Good Souls' Home."
—C. L. F.

MINE OWN PEOPLE.

(By C. Leslie Frazier.)

Could I but sing the good of a people loved by God;
Feared by those who hate a race who firmly trod
The ways that are right and just to all mankind;
I would sing in clarion voice that shook the firmaments—
Praises of this beloved race o' mine.

Could I but raise a monument that reached so high
That it's apex seemed to pierce the very sky,
I would have writ across it, this one lone line,
That all mankind could see all o'er the world—
"God first, then this beloved race o' mine."



REV. J. W. WALLS,
Pastor Broadway Temple, A. M. E. Zion Church, Louisville.

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SHOP AT THE TUSKEGEE INSTI TUTE, WHERE THE STUDENTS LEARN TO MAKE AND REPAIR SHOES.

THE BLACKSMITH SHOP AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

A CLASS IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

When Booker T. Washington came down from Hampton Institute in 1881 and established a little oasis of civilization in the midst of the great desert of ignorance which then enveloped his people in the "Black Belt" of the South, he had dreams of building up an institution which would serve humanity and his people in an effective way, but he had no dreams of building up an institution which at his death would cover nearly three thousand acres of land, occupy **one hundred** and seven buildings and **represent a value of $1,567,062.**

Yet that is exactly what he did, and he did even more. He made exalted himself through humility and patient service, and became one of America's most distinguished citizens. However. the work of Tuskegee Institute was so close to his heart that it developed and kept equal step with him in his up-climb of the ladder of success.

At his death, the influence of Tuskegee Institute was ramified into every part of the country, and many important movements had their inception and headquarters at the institute. Some idea of Tuskegee's influence and power for good may be gleaned from the following extracts taken from Dr. Washington's last report to the board of trustees:

In my reports I have several times referred to the fact that the Tuskegee Institute does not confine its work to what is done on the school grounds. A very large part of the time of the officers and a large amount of money is spent in an unusual kind of extension work that makes the cause of education better understood and more appreciated by both races in the South and in the North.

Let me give one or two illustrations of this kind of extension work: Some months ago an invitation was received by the principal from the governor of Louisiana and the state superintendent of education, together with invitations from other leading white and colored people, to make a tour of education through the state for the benefit of the colored people.

Another series of meetings was held in Greater New York under the auspices of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes. Meetings were held in most of the large centers of Negro population in Greater New York with a view to help encourage and inspire them to better living. Few people realize how large a number of colored people are located in large northern cities, and that in proportion to their numbers they are surrounded by problems that are just as serious as those in the South. In Greater New York there are some 100,000 colored people. At one of the meetings where Hon. Marcus M. Marks, president of the Borough of Manhattan, presided, over five thousand colored people were present. There were many evidences that much good was accomplished through these meetings. Invitations are already coming in for similar meetings to be held in other northern centers of colored population.

Important Gatherings at Tuskegee.

We have never passed through a year when so much deep interest in what we are trying to do has been manifested by Southern white people. As an evidence of this, I call attention to the fact that individuals representing nearly every part of the South are constantly visiting the school. In December, 1914, we had a visit from the governor of Alabama, Hon. Emmet O'Neal, and his wife, together with a number of prominent state officers and other white men and women, including the state superintendent of education and members of the state supreme court. They spent the whole day on the grounds and seemed favorably impressed with our work.

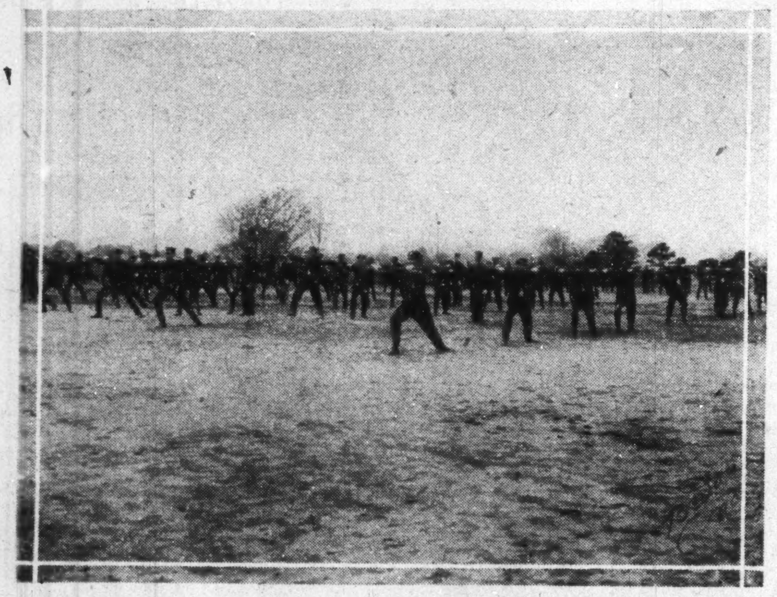
I mention also the meeting of the Jeanes fund supervisors, which was held on our grounds the week of January 17. This meeting was called by Dr. J. H. Dillard, president of the Jeanes fund board. There were present about fifty colored supervisors representing various counties of the lower South. There were present at the same a number of state rural superintendents of education, and about a dozen county superintendents of education representing the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Meeting of University Commission.

Just a few weeks ago there was also held on our grounds a meeting of the university commission, composed of a member of the faculty of each of the state universities in the South.

Some idea of the good will of the people of Alabama toward the Tuskegee Institute may be found in the fact that each year finds large crowds of white visitors from surrounding villages and larger cities of the state attending the annual commencement exercises. This year, in addition to other visitors, the automobile club and the chamber of commerce of Montgomery came in a body to the school.

National Health Week.



EARLY MORNING EXERCISES AT THE DRILL GROUNDS AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

I will tax your patience with only one other illustration of work done away from the grounds of the school. It is a well-known fact that the death rate among colored people and proportion of sickness is entirely too high—the death rate in one year reaching as high as 30 per 1,000 of the Negro population. In order to bring about better health conditions, we assisted the Hampton Institute in promoting a National Health Week with a view of reaching a large proportion of the ten million colored people. An appropriation of 1500 was secured from the Phelps Stokes fund, to cover stationery, printing, postage, etc. We were able to use our extension machinery in interesting nearly every important organization among the Negro people in this health movement.

I am also pleased to report that throughout the country, and especially in the South, this Health Week Movement received the cordial and active co-operation of the white people. State and city boards of health, state departments of education, county superintendents of schools, white women's clubs, and other organizations assisted in making this movement for improving the health condition of the colored people a great success.

The school term for 1914-15 began September 8, 1914, with an enrollment in excess of the enrollment of September, 1913. The total enrollment of the year, however, as I have said, is about the same as the enrollment for last year, 907 boys and 630 girls, a total of 1,537 from thirty-two states and territories. Ninety-six students have also come from nineteen foreign countries or colonies of foreign countries. This number does not include the 200 in the children's house, our practice school.

I must not fail to call attention to the successful summer school which is being held every year at Tuskegee Institute. Last year 380 teachers registered from fifteen states, and there is every indication that the summer school of 1915 will be as largely attended. No part of our work at Tuskegee is more satisfactory than that which is being done through our summer school.

The Smith-Lever Bill.

The United States congress recently passed a bill known as the Smith-Lever bill, by which a certain amount of money was given to each state in proportion to rural population, for the purpose of training the people in better farming and better living. We have entered into arrangement with the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for white people, at Auburn, Alabama, by which we are to become responsible for the expenditure of a portion of this money in helping the colored people in the rural districts of Alabama. We have been during the year engaged under this plan for a number of months in conducting what are called "Movable Schools." I have every reason for knowing that these movable schools accomplish great good. County superintendents of education as well as officers of various counties have written in the most cordial terms with reference to the good results secured in their several counties. The newspapers have also devoted considerable space to them.

Not less than 7,540 colored people were reached through these movable schools, and in addition to this work, of course the annual short course for Negro farmers has been held here at the institute, and also the Tuskegee Negro conference which meets each year. The amount of money coming to us with which to operate these movable schools is likely to increase year by year.

Although the attendance at the annual Tuskegee Negro conference was not as large as in other years, the reports indicate quite clearly that the teachings which have been carried on here for a number of years through our extension department, through our agricultural department and through these annual farmers' conferences, are having a wholesome influence.

Rosenwald Schoolhouses.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BAND CON CERT AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Through our extension department we have been aiding this year, as last year, in building rural schools, the arrangement being that the people shall, themselves, give a certain amount of money, in some cases the state or county, or other agencies co-operating. In this way ninety schools have been started or completed, and through the generosity of Mr. Julius Rosenwald, an additional helper has been provided for, so that we hope during this year to build and equip at least 100 rural schoolhouses throughout the South by October 1.

I would also like to call to the attention of the board another recent act of generosity on the part of Mr. Rosenwald, a member of our board, and Mrs. Rosenwald: In celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, they distributed five thousand dollars among the teachers of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Alabama, on the basis of faithfulness, length of service, etc., with fifteen years of service as the minimum limit. This is probably the first instance in the history of the country where any such of money has been distributed among teachers in white or colored schools in recognition of long and faithful service. A warm and cordial letter of appreciation was sent to each of the teachers so recognized, concluding with these words: "Tuskegee can only continue to prosper and grow and prove an effective influence for usefulness to the nation and to the Negro race as the workers are earnest, sincere and sympathetic; and I am sure you will in the future, as in the past, do your part to strengthen and uphold the hands of those charged with the responsibility of carrying on the work." This thoughtful recognition will help and inspire our teachers to better service.

Midwinter Meeting of the Trustees.

I must not fail to record the appreciation of the officers and teachers of the institute to our trustees for their kindness in holding the midwinter meeting of the board on our grounds. When the president of our board, the Hon. Seth Low, first suggested these midwinter meetings, we had no idea they would prove of such far-reaching value as they have. The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Low and the other trustees with their friends each year proves a constant benediction to all connected with the school. The meeting held February 21 to 24, last, brought to us some seventy-five persons—one party starting from New York and the other from Chicago, both headed by trustees of the school.

New Central Heating Plant.

I must not close this report without some particular reference to the central heating plant. This is the larest and most important single piece grounds, and it is well on the way to grounds, and it well on the way toward completion. The plant includes, as you know, power distribution, rewiring of buildings, building for new power plant; boilers, chimney, engines, generators, electric wiring, transformers, power piping and steam conduits; sewerage system and disposal plant; ice plant; cold storage plant; railroad extension; engineering and superintendence.

Through the kind arrangement of Mr. Frank Trumbull, a member of our board of trustees, Mr. A. L. Humphrey, vice-president of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, Pittsburgh, and the chief engineer of the Westinghouse plant, Mr. W. V. Turner, visited Tuskegee Institute for the purpose of inspecting and reporting on the steam plant. Their visit was altogether helpful to us, and their report will probably be communicated to you in another way. By inducing Mr. Humphrey to make this inspection, Mr. Trumbull has rendered a service to the school that has a most far-reaching value. Not only are we indebted to Mr. Humphrey for what he has done,

I call attention to the importance of making provisions, while we are engaged in this kind of work, for completing the cold storage plant and the sewerage system.

During the greater part of the present school year we have been engaged in shifting from the old system to the new so that we have not experienced the benefits that are to come in reduced operating expenses, I am sure, but I am sure the trustees will want to express their gratitude to him for his generous offer to visit the school once or twice a year without expense to us, for the purpose of inspecting the plant. I very much wish that the trustees might take the time to hear Mr. Humphrey's report read in full. when the system is completed. In fact, for this year the rather upset condition has added to our expenses.

We will doubtless have, when completed, one of the most up-to-date steam heating and power plants in this part of the country.

Thus the life of the great educator came to its close crowded with activities for the good of the race and for humanity. His big heart was filled with love, patience and humility, and he gave generously of its fullness that the world might be better.

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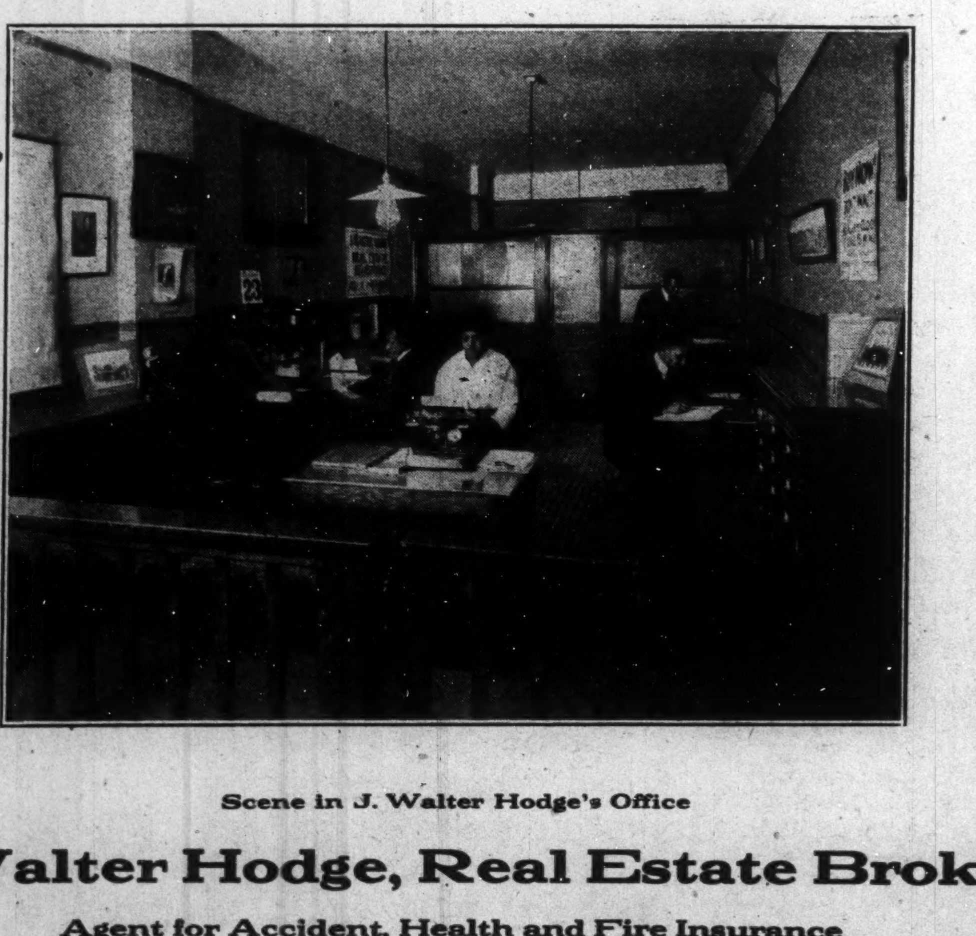

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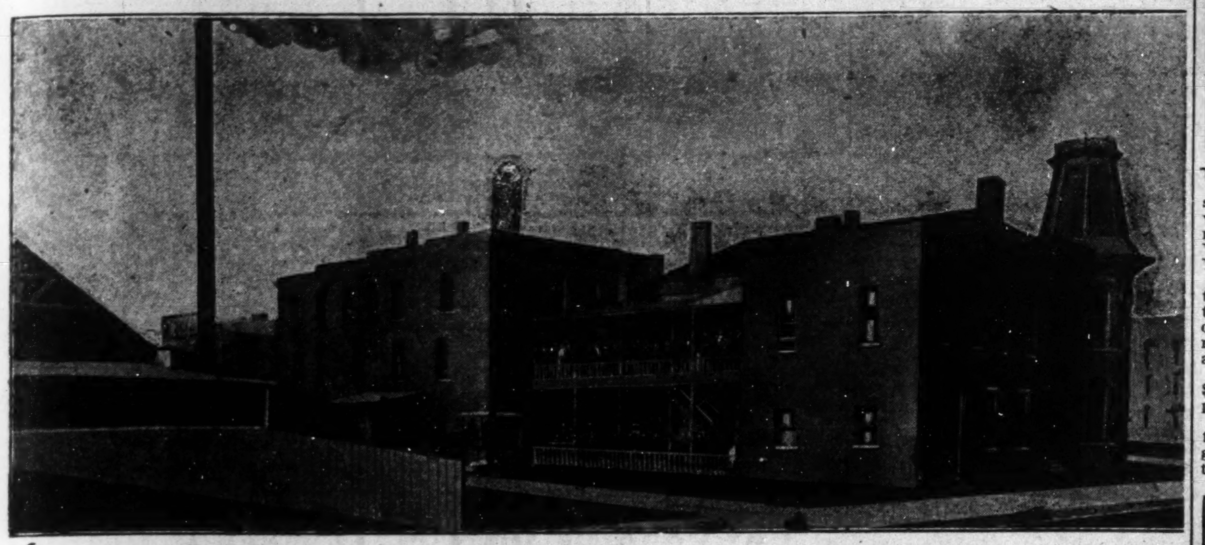
NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING BOARD'S SUCCESS

Gigantic Printing and Bookmaking Plant at Nashville, Tenn., Employing Scores of Members of the Race.

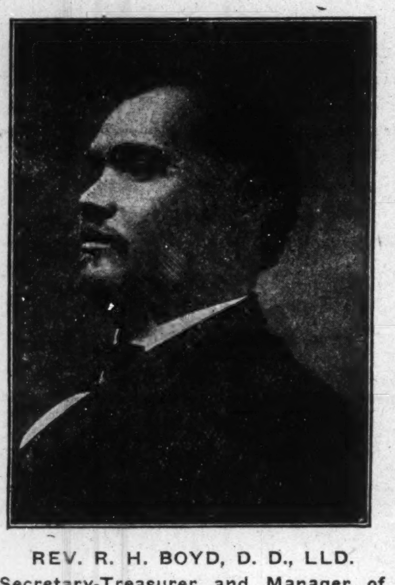
Sending Out Millions of Copies of Religious, Literature Annually. Marvelous Success Achieved by R. H. Boyd.

Were some one to put the National Baptist Publishing House at Nashville in a moving picture that would show the wonderful achievements and the accomplishments of that gigantic institution that has been built up for the Negro Baptists of the United States and for their posterity, it would take a film hundreds of yards long which would entertain thousands of people. The National Baptist Publishing House has come into existence within the past nineteen years and today towers magnificently over anything which has been accomplished by the race, whether it be in the religious, educational or in the business world. It has furnished and is furnishing employment to scores of Negro boys and girls that hitherto were shut out of what is commonly known as the Art Preservative among printers and publishers. It has given a rating in the commercial world to the race and denomination that has no parallel. It has put the Negro Baptists on an equal footing with the denominations of other races because of the creative genius displayed in operating and maintaining the institution. It has forged a link in racial pride that has brought together more support for one institution than has ever been attempted before. It has outstripped Jack's bean stalk story in its growth and development. It has served as an opener of the "door of hope" to the ambitious and deserving members of the race that has been closed to them by labor unions, who refused to allow members of the race to acquire certain knowledge in printing and book-binding. It has put the race on the map in the theological world as producers of a religious literature distinctively their own. It has installed and is operating printing machinery of the most complicated and intricate designing and this, too, with the untrained help that has been picked up in the race. It has helped to make intellectual lights out of what had been regarded as a race of hewers of wood and drawers of water. This institution was founded by an ex-slave, the Rev. R. H. Boyd, who still lives and who is secretary and manager. Many say about the Rev. Dr. Boyd that he saw the invisible in his early Texas pioneer days and that after operating on a very small scale in his Texas home, he succeeded in having the Negroes to see the wisdom of supporting a plant on a national scope. It was the latter part of 1896 when he began his pilgrimmage to Nashville, Tenn., after having looked all over the United States for a location that would be adaptable and suitable for his work. It has been said he was directed by God from his Texas home like Abraham of the Chaldeas when God came to him and said: "Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." Whatever way it was, it is a known fact that the Negaro Baptists had no publishing plant and were preparing and sending out no Sunday School literature; they were giving no employment to the Negro boys and girls, doing nothing tangible until Dr. Boyd came upon the scene. His book on the Story of the Publishing Board, which has just been issued and which is now in most interesting narratives that has come from the lips of any man. great demand, has proved one of the Stranger than fiction, and yet as real as the gospel itself, the story is told and then the thousands of wheels that revolve at the plant and the millions of copies of books and publications that are sent out each quarer, together with the magnificent institution, standing like the pyramids of Egypt, attest the substantial part of the story. The founder of the institution has often been referred to as a giant oak in a forest among the Baptists of the United States. His farsighted business tact in building up the institution has attracted the attention of the entire business world, as well as the entire race to which his denomination belongs and who feel indebted to him and are standing loyaly by the institution which has been built up for them and which will stand for ages yet to come by the support that is being given from every quarter of the globe. At the close of the last fiscal year Dr. Boyd showed in his report the work of the institution for the past eighteen years. The figures themselves are staggering. In this number of years the institution has written and circulated one hundred thirty-six million seven hundred ninety-four thousand three hundred thirty-nine copies of religious literature, which does not include the hundreds of volumes of books which have been made up and distributed throughout the civilized world. They have written and received three million six hundred eighty-four thousand one hundred forty-nine letters, and it is said on some days as high as two thousand letters are received in a single day. It developes that the National Baptist Publishing Board furnishes employment to more Negro men and wome boys and girls, than any other institution of a commercial nature operated in the race. Very little is said to be known of Dr. Boyd who has refused all along to allow anything to be written about his life. He knows that he was born a slave and he was forty years old before he went to school, and that his mother, who died only a few months ago, was over ninety-five years of age. The Publishing House, his life's work, is looked upon as a monument that he has built as an humble worker in his denomination, and as his contribution to the race as a constructive genius. Nashville, Tennessee, the home of the institution, is now as well known as a religious publishing center, as it is an educational center, having been made possible by the millions of pages of religious tracts and literature that have been issued from this gigantic religious and commercial business institution.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE PLANT.

Located at the corner of Second Avenue North and Locust Street, Nashville, Tenn.; operated by the National Baptist Publishing Board. The institution occupies seven brick buildings, generates its own electricity, heats its various buildings and departments by steam, employs scores of members of the race. Within its walls are written, printed and sent out more Sunday School literature and religious helps than from any other denominational house of the race; has one printing press than can print ten thousand Sunday School quarterlies per hour. A monument to the race.



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JUDGE ROBERT H. TERRELL,

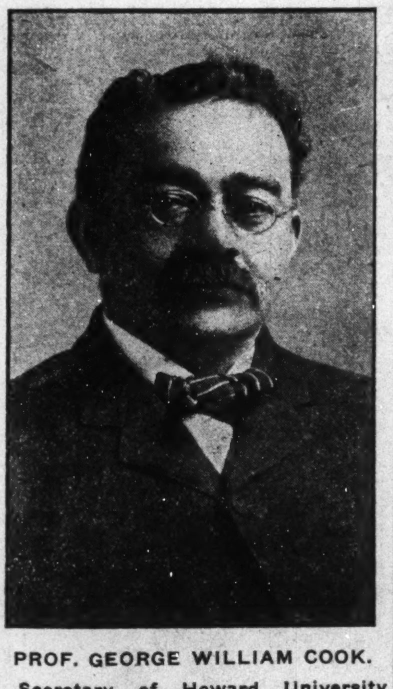
At Present Only Negro Judge In the United States.

Robert H. Terrell, who presides over one of the divisions of the municipal court of the District of Columbia, is at present the only Negro judge in the country. He is a trifle over fifty years of age, a native of Virginia, but has spent most of his active life in the city of Washington. He has occupied a seat on the bench for nearly fourteen years. He was twice appointed by President Roosevelt, and reappointed by Presidents Taft and Wilson. In length of service he is the senior judge of the municipal court. Of the five members of the court, whose terms expired with the accession of the present administration, Judge Terrell, the only colored jurist, was the only member renominated by President Wilson.

It will be recalled that the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, composed mainly of southern men and Democrats, gave Judge Terrell a unanimous indorsement for reappointment under the Wilson administration. After a sensational fight in the United States Senate, his nomination was confirmed through a combination of Democratic and Republican votes. His record on the bench has been creditable alike to himself and to the race. Without individual comparison, he is recognized everywhere as the ablest justice in the municipal court, white and black receiving equal consideration at his hands. Seldom has there been asked an appeal from his decisions.

Judge Terrell is the first honor graduate of color of Harvard University, and was highly regarded by his classmates, who have been glad to continue their acquaintanceship throughout his successful career. He is one of the lecturers in the Howard University Law School in Washington, and is prominently identified with all the activities touching the interests of the colored citizens of the nation's capital. He served five terms as grand master of Masons for the District of Columbia and is a thirty-third degree Mason. He is a member of other well-known fraternities and beneficial organizations and is a deacon in the Lincoln Temple Congregational church. Before being called to the bench he was principal of the M Street high school of Washington and was one of the most popular educators who ever served in the responsible capacity. During the administration of President Harrison he was chief of a division in the office of the auditor of the navy department, under the Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, now major and paymaster (retired) of the United States army. He is a writer of note, having contributed liberally to the newspapers and magazines of the past quarter of a century, and is an orator of exceptional ability, having the knack of addressing himself to and pleasing any audience of either race, North or South. He has just returned from a successful lecture tour of the Texas, and in every city included in the itinerary he was tendered the warmest kind of a reception—the tour of three weeks being a continuous ovation. All classes heard him gladly. In Washington, Judge Terrell is the "official spokesman" of the colored citizens, and he is in demand for speeches upon all notable occasions and to serve as toastmaster at the major banquets of the town. As a raconteur he is without an equal in the nation's center of wit and humor.

While possessing a judicial temperament and appreciating the society of the most cultured people of the nation, Judge Terrell is easy of approach, and the humblest find the same warm welcome at his hands as is accorded those who sit in the "seats of the mighty." He is essentially a man of the people and the masses regard him as their especial champion. He has a beautiful home at 1323 T street, precided over by the charming Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, who also enjoys a national reputation as a platform speaker and graceful writer. The family circle is brightened by the presence of two delightful daughters, Misses Mary and Phyllis Wheatley Terrell, who are still in school.



PROF. GEORGE WILLIAM COOK.

Secretary of Howard University and Dean of the Commercial College of the Race's Foremost Institution for the Higher Education. Controlling factor in the executive management of the University.

Talking about the capacity of the Negro to do business on a strictly business basis, it is a decided inspiration to take up a recent report of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, whose headquarters are at Durham, N. C., and note what this unique corporation has done in its life of sixteen years. The institution, organized in 1899, did a business worth $840 the first year. Growing steadily through the application of the most modern business methods, its sixteenth year finds the association doing a business amounting to the enormous sum of $404,766.90. Operating in three states, the association had in force December 31, 1914, insurance as follows: In North Carolina, $2,009,085; in South Carolina, $1,819,563; in Georgia, $1,157,696; a total of $4,986,696. On deposit with the insurance commissioners of these states, an approval securities, the association has in North Carolina $100,000 and in South Carolina and Georgia, $10,000 each. The legal reserve, in addition, totals $108,713.41. The company issues all forms of insurance, sick benefit, industrial life, ordinary life, endowment and twenty-payment life, with all modern provisions—cash surrender, loan and paid-up and term extension values—all of which have been approved by the insurance departments of the various states. The association is preparing to establish at an early date headquarters in at least two other states, to accommodate the many who wish to take out policies with it. The salaries and commissions paid by the association during the year amounted to about $125,000, by conservative management. At the home office in Durham, 27 persons are employed regularly. Policy holders were paid during the current year, $202,190.54; gross assets, $161,920.61. The holdings of the company in real estate and other investments in state bonds and first mortgages net an annual income of $9,799.48. This showing is phenomenal and without doubt places the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association head and shoulders above any other similar corporation in the country, organized and conducted by Negroes. The men, whose sagacious business ideas and faithful management accomplished these marvelous results, are: John Merrick, president of the association; Dr. A. M. Moore, secretary-treasurer and medical director, and C. C. Spaulding, vice-president and manager, all of whom have been with the company since its inception. They stand high with both races throughout the Southland. One of the most profitable papers listened to at the Boston meeting of the National Negro Business League last summer was that read on "Insurance" by Mr. Spaulding—and from which these interesting facts were gleaned.

Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, of Chicago, comes to Washington in February.

Secretary Thos. E. Taylor of Indianapolis Y. M. C. A.

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Reviews Movement Among Negroes. Munificent Gifts of Julius Rosenwald and John D. Rockefeller Making Possible Enjoyment of this Phase of Life

The work of the Young Men's Christian Association among colored men dates back a good many years when sporadic movements were made to start Associations among colored men. At the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Toronto, Canada in 1876, the southern delegates urged the importance of the work and Stuart Robinson, D.D., of Louisville, led the discussion and made the first contribution to place an agent in the field for that place. Henry Edward Brown became the traveling secretary and a number of Associations were organized chiefly in colleges and academies under his direction and oversight.

The first colored general Secretary, W. A. Hunton, began his work at Norfolk, Va., early in 1888 (giving up a splendid position in the Canadian government service to accept the same. Two years afterward he became an International Secretary with special reference to the men of his own race, and at the present writing is still in the service of the general work, being senior International Secretary of the colored department.

The work at first was carried on in the schools and colleges but later extended to the cities, and additional help was given in the development of the work. Dr. J. E. Mooreland was called from the Association local work to the International or field work, and for many years these two men labored together—Mr. Hunton taking the work among the students largely while Mr. Mooreland looked after the city work. Today we have six colored men on the International staff as follows—General Administration, William A. Hunton and Jesse E. Mooreland; city field, John B. Watson and Robt. P. Hamlin; student field, Channing H. Tobias and Mak Yergan.

The work at first did not develop very fast in the city field, the Associations being of a very ordinary type, mostly in rented quarters. This was true until the offer of Mr. John D. Rockfeller to the Washington Association of $25,000.00 for a building for colored men providing an equal sum was raised by the citizens of Washington. This put new life into the work and a larger vision was taken.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald then came along with his magnificent offer of $25,000.00 to any city that would raise $75,000.00, the whole to be used in the purchase of ground, building and equipment for the work among colored men.

Chicago was the first city to comply with this splendid offer, and a large five-story building costing something like $180,000 is the result. The true generosity of Mr. Rosenwald was manifested when he contributed $25,000 to the Washington Association, permitting them to complete their building, which had been started prior to the making of his offer. Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Kansas City were the next to follow and are now occupying new quarters. Campaigns have been conducted successfully in the following additional cities: Cincinnati, Nashville, Atlanta, Baltimore. New York, Los Angeles and Brooklyn. Cincinnati has completed her building and will dedicate it at the opening of the year. St. Louis will have "Brought home the list, as a campaign for a $150,000 plant is now on and by the time this gets into print they will have "Brought hom the bacon."

Dr. J. E. Mooreland has had much to do in making these many campaigns a success.

The success of the work among colored men cannot be told in figures, because so much in the way of development has been accomplished that the results will accrue in the future figures when the pioneers of the work will long have passed to their reward. The opportunity for service and the privilige of helping our fellow man is so great that we should seize upon it and see that the work is given the support that is due it. In this particular much credit is due the large number who have helped, but many are standing idly by and permitting their fellow man to take on their responsibilities. This is especially true as regards the International work when we consider the great good that has been accomplished through this agency by keeping from one to six colored men in the general field, and for many years we have permitted this to be done without contributing enough in some years to pay even the postage on their correspondence, to say nothing of their traveling and other expenses together with their salaries. What the work is today is due in a large measure to the splendid work done by these sterling Christian men.

The work in many instances has met with opposition from sources where help was expected. This has been due in many cases to a lack of knowledge of the real objective of the Association, many feeling that the mission of the Association was correctional and reformative rather than its true mission of preventive instruction and influence. When this is thoroughly understood a relationship with other helpful agencies is bound to exist that will mean much for the future welfare of the work in general. The bringing together, as it does by the joint meetings of its Committees of Management, the best men of the communities, engenders a splendid feeling between the races.

The various phases of the work that are conducted in the different departments and the adaptability of the work to meet the needs of each community and the men whom it desires to reach, makes it one of the best agencies for development of men along Religious, Educational, Physical and Social lines. In its service to the church as a Religious Clearing House for the community in which it is located, it renders through its Religious Department a service for God and humanity unequalled by any other agency outside the organized Evangelical church itself, of which it is an auxiliary.

The Educational Department offers an opportunity to its members for self development so that they may become proficient in their present lines of endeavor as well as fit them for future usefulness.

The dormitories with their splendid equipment make an ideal home for the man away from home where wholesome influence can be thrown around him for good.

The Physical Department is developing a new manhood through its lessons on correct living as well as the development of the physique. In the sane and sensible scientific games in which it indulges as well as other social activities, a well round and well alanced man is being produced, fitted and prepared for the needs of the day, able to take his place in the affairs of life—as a man.

To the end that this may all be accomplished, a group of self sacrificing Christian men possesed with the desire to emulate in their own lives the life of their Lord and Master Jesus Christ, have consecrated their lives to this great work that has for its ultimate aim the winning of all men to Jesus Christ.

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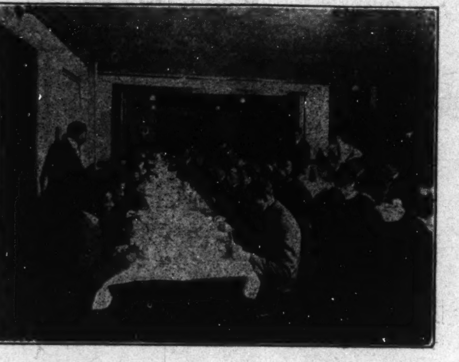

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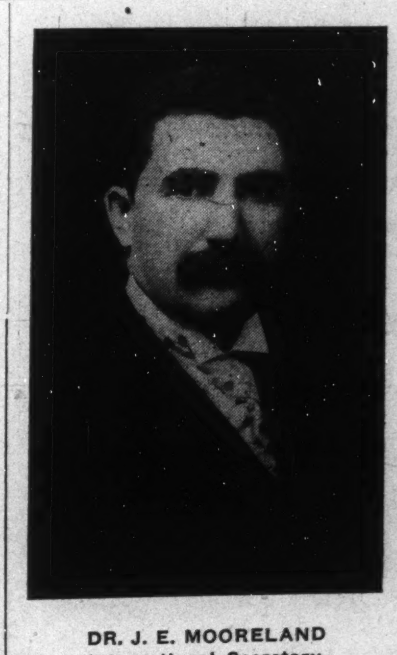
J. F. Wild, President of the Central Association and Geo. L. Knox, of the Freeman breaking the ground for the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A.



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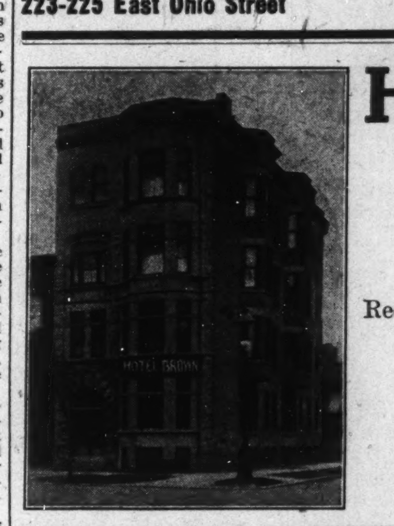

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J. C. Napier—Presidency of the National Negro Business League.

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A. E. Manning—Recordership of deeds for the District of Columbia.

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Colored People of Washington, D. C.—A new head of the colored schools.

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Arthur A. Brown—A joint tour for Mme. Anita Patti Brown and Caruso.

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Drs. J. S. Jackson, G. C. Clement and W. H. Goler—A. M. E. Zion bishopric.

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W. H. Lewis—A return ticket to the department of justice. James A. Cobb, ditto.

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John C. Dancy—Return to editorship of Star of Zion, with business manager thrown in.

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Bishop Alexander Walters—A big bunch of patronage for his faithful followers.

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Oscar De Priest—Election as first colored congressman from Chicago's black belt.

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George H. White—Membership in congress from the seventh ward of Philadelphia.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell—Life tenure on the municipal bench in the District of Columbia.

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T. Gillis Nutter—Privilege of naming his successor as grand exalted rulers of the Elks.

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Dr. E. D. Williston—Delegateship from the District of Columbia to the Chicago convention.

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Rev. B. G. Shaw, St .Louis, Mo.—A certificate of election as financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion church.

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W. Milton Lewis—The credit he so richly deserves for his gilt-edged work on the Exposition Number of The Freeman.

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James G. Carter, Tamatave, Madagascar, and W. H. Hunt, St. Etienne, France—To be let alone by the administration.

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Lester A. Walton—A ray of light that will make Editor J. H. Murphy see that "there's nothing in a name," even if it is "Darkydom."

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Gen. Joseph L. Jones—A municipal ordinance requiring every man, woman and child to wear a badge made by the Central Regalia Company.

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Dr. R. H. Boyd—Large orders for Baptist printing, whether the patron is incorporated or unincorporated, "since printing has got to be done."

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Charles H. Moore—Permanent tenure as supervisor of colored schools in North Carolina, and national organizer of the National Negro Business League.

GREENVILLE, MISS.

Mr. Marcus Neal Chancy, band director with Wolcott Rabbit Foot Company, is at home in Greenville, Miss., for the holidays. The show closed at Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15th until January 1st, 1916. Everybody is glad to have him home again. Booker's Orchestra had a pleasant surprise when Mr. M. N. walked into the band room, where they were having rehearsal. It was truly some rehearsal after he joined them in rehearsing some classics.

Mark would like to hear from Will Iseral and Joe Miller. Write him at 709 Carter street, Greenville, Miss.

Booker's Orchestra will leave Greenville Saturday, December 25th, for Monroe, La., where they have a week's end engagement.

Regards to all in and out.

Kentucky Will Say Last Word in the Exposition Effort

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(By PHIL H. BROWN.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.—It will be left for Kentucky to say the last word in the matter of expositions to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the freedom of the Negro. Kentucky gave birth to Lincoln, the great emancipator, and the fact that a monster exhibition of the progress attained by the race as an outcome of this great event is to be held in Louisville has met with almost universal approval and has evoked widespread interest.

Last summer Governor James B. McCreary, who a few days ago retired from the executive office of this state, appointed a commission composed entirely of colored people for the purpose of holding the exposition. The commission assembled at Frankfort and received instructions from the Governor, who said that he wanted it to crown his administration of the affairs of the State. The Agricultural Department leased to the commission the state fair grounds at Louisville as a place in which to hold the big show. This is a half-million dollar plant and one of the finest in the South. It is equipped with every facility for display, floral halls, auditoriums and every appurtenance for the purpose.

Pilgrimage to Lincoln Farm.

One of the features to which the commission has given careful consideration is a nation-wide pilgrimage to Lincoln Farm, at Hodgenville. It is planned to set apart a day when as many colored people as will may assemble upon Lincoln's native soil and offer thanks for their deliverer and their deliverance. It is expected that this will be one of the most dramatic incidents of many years. Thousands of colored people from all over the United States will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Lincoln homestead in Larue county, and active arrangements have gone forward with the railroads to handle a monster crowd upon that day.

It is projected for the pilgrimage to start from the exposition resrevation in Louisville and the two railroad lines will be requisitioned, yet thousands will take up the pilgrimage in automobiles, the route carrying them through some of the most picturesque and historical scenes of the Blue Grass State.

Music a Feature.

It is promised that the music of the exposition will be epoch making. Prof. John W. Work, of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., who has grown famous as a conservator, developer and portrayer of the Negro folk songs, will direct a monster chorus of 1,500 voices singing the songs of the soul and soil of the Southland. Imagine this great chorus, standing beneath the tree, where Lincoln was born, singing the songs of grateful hearts.

Prof. Work has wide capabilities in handling great choruses and has achieved a wonderful success along this line. From this it is expected to develop for Negro music, not only an attractive feature of the Exposition, but the assurance is tenable that the music as depicted here will reach far out into the future.

Interest in Bordering States.

Prof. James H. Garvin, of Winchester, has been elected president of the commission, and is devoting every minute of his time to the minutae of the big enterprise. He is constructive by nature and has a wide vision to encompass profitable details. From the time that the Kentucky project was conceived, he has relentlessly pursued every opportunity to insure its success. He has visited two of the other expositions, notably the one held at Chicago and the other in Richmond, and will enter upon the work with the experience of his predecessors, as well as the cream of the exhibits that were displayed at those places.

President Garvin will begin immediately after the first of the year to interest the people of other states, particularly those of Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Tennessee. Louisville is so easily accessible to the states lying north of us. Trolleys alone can drain a wonderful Negro population.

Add to this that the great majority of colored people who have emigrated to the North, came from Kentucky, and they will be glad for the opportunity to return for a season of the renewal of old acquaintance.

Interest Among the Whites.

From the moment that the Kentucky Exposition was suggested, prominent white people have come forward with valuable suggestions and more material help. Some of the leading white people in Louisville are actively engaged in lending encouragement to this commendable enterprise. The papers have given space ungrudgingly.

At a recent meeting of the commission plans were set afoot for extensive publicity. The director of publicity named Mr. Carey B. Lewis, a member of the junior staff of The Freeman, to be assistant director of publicity with active charge of the office. Mr. Lewis will enter upon his duties January 1, and it is expected that the fur will begin to fly from that date. It is proposed that every colored man throughout the country will have some news of the great event in Kentucky, and paths will be beaten low with the pilgrims, many returning and others coming for the first time to the state of fine horses, beautiful women and the juice that buttressed the faith of the saints.

Matchless as a Vacation.

The Kentucky Negro Exposition will occur from July 27 to August 12, and will be a drawing card for summer vacationists next year. Louisville is an attractive city and all Kentucky is noted for its hospitality. The wonderful Pythian Temple, the U. B. F. building are centrifugal points in a perfect bee-hive of racial industry. The welcome will be a universal one—Kentucky welcomes are singularly so. Latchstrings will not hang on the outside of the doors—the locks are to be thrown into the majestic and sympathetic Ohio, and if necessary the doors will be taken from their hinges. It can be accepted as an assurance that the hospitality of Kentucky, already famous, will be at its best.

In easy reach of the Exposition city are many famous excursions. In a figurative sense, Mammoth Cave, one of the seven world wonders, is but a stone's throw, and then the Blue Grass farms where animals are bred for the sport of kings.

Verily, Louisville will be a magnet for pleasure lovers, and more serious people, who really want to see signs of progress of which the Southern Negro will have a myriad to display. Louisville is the gateway to the South, the twilight zone of racial sentiment, possessing even a cosmopolitan population of colored people, magnificent public educational institutions, libraries, Y. M. C. A. and a cultured people. Add to all these our notable hospitality and you will be satisfied that no city will appear so attractive next year.

Exposition Officiary.

Those composing the directorate are as follows: J. H. Garvin, president; H. F. Jones and E. E. Underwood, vice-presidents; G. P. Russell, secretary; Dr. T. T. Wendell, treasurer; Phil H. Brown, A. L. Garvin, Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore and Dr. S. H. George. Those composing the commission are, aside from the names given above: W. W. Wilson, P. W. Williams, J. D. M. Russell, Rev. C. H. Parrish, W. H. Wright, G. G. Young, Dr. Van J. Davis, Peter Postell, Rev. J. M. Moody, J. L. Gordon, J. E. Kuykendall, Dr. W. H. Ballard, J. B. Caulder, E. D. Willis, Rev. J. B. Redmond, S. L. Barker and W. H. Perry.

These gentlemen were selected by Gov. McCreary after mature deliberation of their qualifications and representation. The commission is taken from all walks of life in which the Negro is engaged in Kentucky—the church, lodges, business, schools, and particularly the industries, agriculture, etc.

Kentucky extends a greeting to the colored race throughout the country and invites all of its members to come down and enjoy themselves. We want you to see our horses, our beautiful girls, and take a cup of cheer, either from our famous springs or from some of the beverages that our famous grain has added to its fame. We want you to go down to Lincoln Farm with us and have a great religious gathering upon the sacred soil, to the end that the sad, grave man, who did more for human liberty than has ever before been done, or since, may have a fitting tribute from a grateful people.

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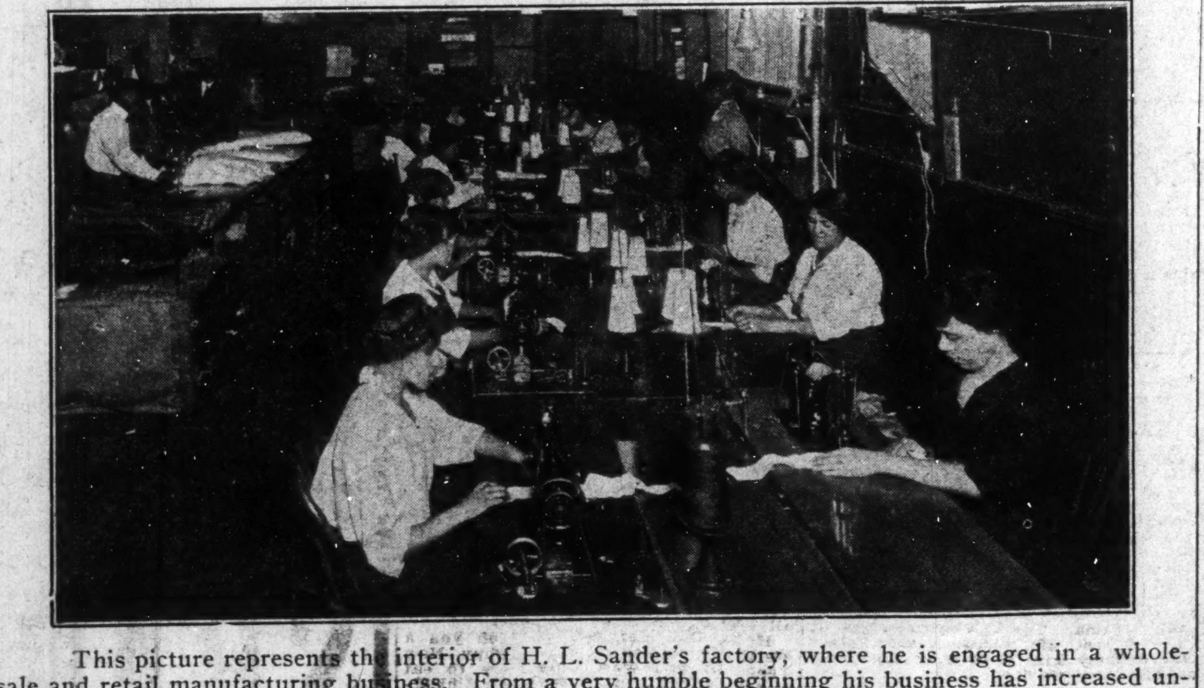

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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE.

Bert Williams hails from Nassau, New Providence.

Theodore Roosevelt is a trustee of Tuskegee Institute.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell was the first honor graduate of Harvard University.

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Bishop James W. Hood, of the Zion church, is the oldest living prelate.

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Salem Tutt Whitney, the comedian of the "Smart Set," is an expert chef.

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John Mitchell, Jr., is the only colored member of the American Bankers' Association.

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T. Thomas Fortune was once a messenger in the government service at Washington.

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Emmet J. Scott, with Charles N. Love, founded the Texas Freeman at Houston, Texas.

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Major R. R. Moton once worked in the great department store of John Wanamaker in Philadelphia.

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R. W. Thompson was the originator of the term, "Wizard of Tuskegee," as applied to Dr. Booker T. Washington.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis was the first colored clerk to be employed in the office of the recorder of deeds at Washington.

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Major John R. Lynch is the only colored man to be elected to preside over a national convention of a political party.

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Sam Lucas was the first colored actor to assume the role of "Uncle Tom" in a professional dramatic combination presenting "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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Richard Green, a clerk in the treasury department at Washington, has served under nineteen secretaries of the treasury in nearly half a century of connection with the department.

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Attorney W. H. Richards, of the faculty of Howard University, once served as mayor of Mason City, Tenn., the first colored man to be so honored in the Southland.

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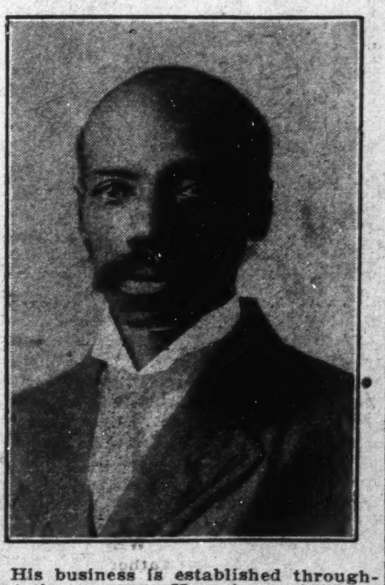

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STAGE GOSSIP
J. B. DAVIDSON

THE TEAM OF FIDDLERS, AND SHELTON AMONG THE FIRST IN VAUDEVILLE, GIVE A CLEAN ENTERTAINING BILL.

One of the best colored acts in vaudeville. The oft repeated assertion that all colored acts consist of ordinary singing and dancing may be true in one sense, still while these two clever entertainers do singing, there is no dancing in their offering, which consists of clever mimicry, piano playing and clever stories, told in a droll manner. Fidler & Shelton are not newcomers to the vaudeville field, as they have toured this country.

The team of Fiddler and Shelton is recognized as the leading colored act in the show business; Clean is the watchword of their act. Harry Fiddler has co-starred and starred many of the leading colored shows, and his Chinese impersonations are true to life, he having studies the Chinese language to such an extent that each sentence employed in his Chinese impersonation is genuine.

Byron Shelton is a singer and pianist of much ability having studied both voice and piano under eminent teachers.

Their talent, combined with music, comedy and impersonations, places them in the front ranks of vaudeville performers, and assuming that the masses like music and comedy combined with ability, their act never fails to please.

FIDDLER & SHELTON

Fiddler and Shelton, whose respective abilities as entertainers has gained for them a wide reputation and a position of prominence in the vaudeville world.

Harry Fiddler is a mimic and comedian. He is best known for his empersonation of the Chinaman, but he has many interesting and amusing tricks in making faces, which are original with him.

Byron Shelton is an artist of exceptional ability at the piano, and can play the best music acceptably. He sings in a deep rich baritone voice that one never tires of listening to.

What strikes one forcibly in the act is the clever smooth way that song, conversation, impersonation and imitations have been brought together. It seems as if each part was made for the other, for they fit neatly together. These young men have gained the respect of managers and audiences by their quiet and unassuming manner and deportment. This act is always welcome, as it differs from the usual male teams, as it is entirely original.

Fiddler Shelton has a surprise in store for the public in the near future. As our good friend Wood Knox says, "Watcher Fidler and Shelton."

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to everybody, for fear we may miss someone.

CINCINNATI NEWS.

(By Col. Brown and Staff.)

The Lincoln.

The second week of the Whitmans' Repertoire Company was better and faster than the first, the principal features being Alberta Whitman's male impersonation, which was a thriller for this audience. She made some handsome gentleman out doing the original strutter. Thomas Hawkins done the principal comedy work with Baby Alice, in a neat double that carried the audience. He is really funny. Essie Whitman's character, "The Beggar," was an achievement in elocution to be appreciated. She received her reward in applause. Other members of the company did their parts as only trained performers can, Gertrude Struffin showing better and stronger than last week in her number.

Ralph Dunbar's Minstrel Entertainers opened at Keith's here Sunday and was a riot, under orchestra trouble. This quartette of entertainers are really great and hold a mass of talent and experience. They are the town talk in all the daily papers. Mr. George Conly, the tenor, holds his voice well. Turner, the bass singer, puts over a Southern song that brought recognition. Mr. Johnson, the baritone, put needed blend to the harmony and was commented on, and last but not least, Eddie Goodbar, a home boy, more than held his own in this cotorie of real showmen. They closed behind a dead 50-minute act and got theirs. That's going some. A big time act on big time.

Nathan Stirman's brother, Tom, sends regards to him and wishes him a merry Christmas, as he is doing well laying off here.

Eddie Anderson, the musical director of Clay Price's company, the Brownies, sends regards to his many friends. Tom Gales, the part owner and manager of this company, says he can always use good lady performers, but they must be ponies in size and pretty.

Bonnie & Seymoura, who did not leave with Claybourne Jones, are still working white time.

Miss Susie Lovenridge, formerly of West Baden, is well and sends regards to friends.

Mr. Ike Paul continues to give the Olympic Theatre all the rotten talent he can find, overlooking good workers laying off here.

The charity ball at the Armory was a real success and many business men were seen there, among them being Col. Brown and staff, Mr. E. G. Gaither, Capt. Sneed, Will Love, Dad Henderson, Mr. Dabney and numerous others. The financial end of this affair will make many an orphan's heart lighter.

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As a musician, Richard Jackson of the Pioneer theater, Indianapolis, is entitled to consideration. He has labored diligently to fit himself for his position and to bring his orchestra up to what it should be. While doing the traps he has not neglected the clarinet, the bells, a most beautiful instrument, the piano and other instruments. He delights in all kinds of music from opera airs down; and he is often applauded after doing an unexpected solo on one of his various instruments. Really, his orchestra outfit is too numerous to mention—the very best of its kind. "I strive to please" is his motto. He does this, and the patrons appreciate his earnest efforts. He is a worthy product of this age.

RICHARD JACKSON.

MAMIE LEE, PIANIST

At the Pioneer Theatre, Indianapolis.

Mamie Lee is a new comer to this city, and a good one as a pianist. At the Pioneer Theatre she can be heard nightly in orchestra, where Richard Jackson presides, doing every known form of music. The Pioneer has been very fortunate in having good pianists. Miss Lee is of particularly good ability, reading at sight the more difficult music and executing it with precision. With or without music before her, she is "perfectly" at home on the piano. She assists very materially in the making of a fine orchestra, which is according to the wishes of Mr. Jackson.

DANVILLE (VA.) NEWS AND THEATER NOTES.

Mills & Frisby played to a crowded audience every night last week, with a change Thursday night.

Gant & Perkins are playing to a full house this week with some of the latest songs and jokes.

Prof. Walter Marrow is still knocking the life out of the piano at Columbia Theatre, and Mutt, alias Slim, is still usher.

Old Bob Broadnax is still gay as ever around the corner at his cafe, but Monday his residence on Holbrook street burned down and he is still carrying his smile around with him, but in vain. When you visit Danville you will find him still carrying that smile with him and if you want a nice lunch just step around the corner to Hardy's drug store, the inventor of drug store lunch. Yank, the tailor has his Xmas share of suits to make.

Geo. Rison is preparing to give the poor colored people of this city a nice turkey dinner Xmas, which he does every year.

Old George Thompson is still walking the streets with his newspapers for sale, and old Talking Smith is still around to the Chesterfield Social Club talking as usual.

Frank Flood, the undertaker, is still hunting a bride, and Sam Adams is still calling hotels out on the depot platform.

Dr. Wilson, Dr. James, Dr. West and Dr. Winslow are still having nice lot of Xmas work on hand.

Abe Claiborne is still at the Owl Club, which has a record-breaking membership.

The Liberty Cafe has closed, but will open soon under new management.

Everybody here is happy and hope everyone a Merry and Happy Xmas, and the writer hopes them all a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

RESTING AT BLACKVILLE, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Motto, who just closed a season with J. C. O'Brien, are now resting on the farm of her sister at Blackville, S. C., where we will spend the holidays. Mrs. Mott has just recovered from a bad attack of the grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Motto will make a coast-to-coast trip next season with the big white tops. Regards to the Simmons boys, R. J. and Arthur, Prof. F. K. Baker, Leon Bradford and the Pekin bunch at Savannah, Ga., and O'Brien's No. 1 and No. 2 bunches. Professor Baker, write. Business of importance.

WILMINGTON (N. C.) NOTES.

Easton & Easton, the big noise at the Lyric this week, prove to be the headliners. Jack Ginger Wiggins is here with us and is the boy who holds his own. Mrs. Sidney Easton, a clean and clever soubrette, and Mr. Easton, better known as Function, are right there with the goods—some comedian. Last, but not least, good luck seems to strike the boss man, Mr. D. F. Toler, known as the manager. His grocery store was burned down. His insurance value was $50,000. Everything was covered by insurance. Expect Billy Ewing's trunk contains a set of Easton & Easton's pictures.

SILAS GREEN IN MOBILE, ALA.

Max C. Elliott, the wildcat agent, head of Prof. Eph Williams "Silas Green," from New Orleans Shows, booked the Eph Williams Company into the Pike Theater at Mobile, Ala., for special matinee and night, December 22nd. This Silas Green Company is just some show, so the natives say in the far away Southland. Mr. Elliott is in advance of the show and Prof Williams is with the company, and they make some combination. Success go with them, is the wishes of the Freeman.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell

Musical and Dramatic Criticism

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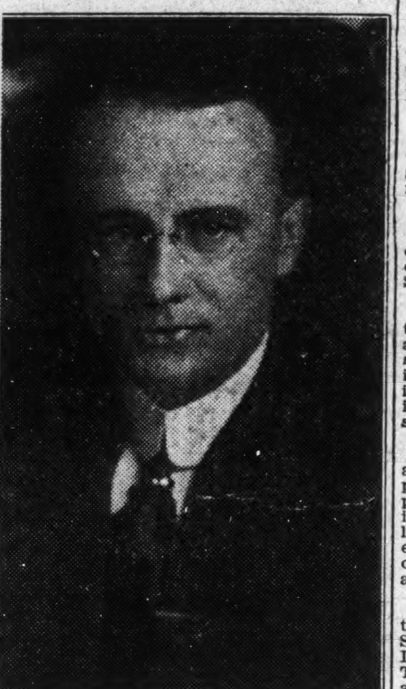
HOLIDAY SHOW AT THE GRAND.

Kirk & Tim Draw on the Finish. Smart Set Opens Monday, December 27.

Belle Barchus and company in "An Inside Job" dawned upon us in a police murder investigation, a one-act drama which showed the star to be a character actress of fair ability—that and nothing more. The police captain was a very good actor, but the births of children gritted upon our ears and made us long for real one-act playwrights and those who can best finish a short story without murder cases being justifiable or passed off lightly. Roland & Laswell Sisters, in salmon pants with black fur ruffles to match, were attractive dancers, and the boy was the best, but their act was too much divided up in waits. Loraine & Cameron were good Scotch dancers, with plenty of big bare legs exhibited, no bag pipes, and a lively finish. King Saul was a real artist in painting drawings which had a healthful glow of azure, J. C. Singleton was a colored musician who played a life-sized saxaphone. If he will make up and also put some comedy life in his work he can go over the "jig" time. The last half of last week held over Sidney Kirkpatrick and Tim Owsley in "In Hell," an act of merit which drew on the finish in spite of the dullest part of the show season. The white acts were also strong. The Sunshine Girls were not great dancers, but the act was a musical comedy well put together. The country blunderbus, especially, and the Rube, were good, funny comedians, and the dainty little soubrette was clever. Frank Bardon, an exceptional whistler, and a perfect imitator of birds of the wildwood, pleased. Joe Reed, a natural tenor with a sweet voice, who played on a pipehorn half violin, also a harmonica in the mouth and zither at the same time, was well liked, and the Flying LeMarrs, trapeze performers, feet swing and head projecting loop slip, showed at least a very brave woman. Dave Payton's piano work has toned down and improved. The rest of the orchestra consists of Milton Vassar, violinist; Henry S. Lane, clarinet; Leo V. English, cornet, and Dan Parker, trap drummer. James Barrett is stage manager and Gus Landery is his able assistant. The Smart Set company opens Monday, December 27, and big attendance is expected.



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Scenario Author.

In the Land of Movies.

The Unique Film company has had numerous requests for their pictuer drama, "Shadowed by the Devil.' It will be seen in Chattanooga during holiday week, with other points in the South to follow. The scenario of the play was written by Mrs. Pearl Webb, who has thus far made good as an authoress.

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The Central Film company, with offices in the Orpheum theater building, is supplying "The Hired Husband" with Billy King in the titular role.

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Star Theater.

"The Children of Eve" will be the special attraction at this house Christmas and Sunday, December 25 and 26, for adults only. Managers Stone and Paul, who leased this house from the Salkin enterprises, have proved to be genial, popular managers. The orchestra continues to be a radiant feature.

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Atlas Theater.

Managers Dooley and Murphy are continuing the policy of their commodious new house to the gratification of the public of the Forty-seventh street district. "The Two Orphans" will be the Christmas attraction, and Arnold Daly in "Menace of the Mute," Sunday, December 26. W. A. Kelly's orchestra, Blanche Welden, Will Reynolds and Fred McBride, are doing nicely.

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The Phoenix.

"The Circular Staircase" is the Christmas attraction. "The Man Trail," Sunday, Dec. 26. Manager Hammond and Assistant Manager Gaines break the record as popular drawing cards for their classy patronage. The orchestra, too, is immense, including J. Paul Wyer, leader, violinist; Henry Joseph, assistant leader; Hattie May Gloster, pianist; James Tate, cornet, and Andrew James, traps.

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The Washington.

"Joseph's Trials in Egypt" and "Graft" (every Saturday) are the Christmas attractions, and "The Life of Our Savior" Sunday, December 26. Manager Kaplan has now become very popular in having learned the temper of his patronage. Chief James Ferguson is now fireman at this house. Erskine Tate's orchestra includes Wm. D. Giles, Reuben Harvey and Chauncey Murdock.

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At the Star.

"Queen Esther" Christmas, and "Graft" (No. 2) December 26, are the attractions here. J. H. Richards is now Jesse Binga's popular manager.

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Current Literature.

Mrs. H. M. Hicks-Lambkin, the old established hairdresser and milliner, continues at the same old stand, 3237 State street.

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The Academy of Ethnology, appertaining to the African race, has issued a prospectus because of the widespread tendency to discredit the race in America. The academy, which is in the Kennard building, Omaha, Neb., is founded to teach the true relationship.

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The Lincoln Jubilee Album, fiftieth anniversary of Negro freedom, compiled by John H. Ballard, is out. The pictorial pages are most beautifully illustrated. Full details of Mr. Ballard's album, which will be circulated everywhere by a Chicago company, company, will be given to the public at an early date.

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Dave Mastrasky, a Jewish boy of 17, the only white boy employed at the States theater, was poisoned by candy December 16, and died December 17. The Evening American headlined an article "Poisoned by Candy," but this was denied in a later issue to the effect that he died of pneumonia, which of course takes nine days to fully develop. There was rumor of an inquest.

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Owing to the illness of Mrs. Lacey last week, the performance of "Cerib," which was to have been given at the Pekin Christmas week, has been abandond. The manager of the Pekin will give up his lease December 31.

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In this issue of the Exposition-Christmas Number of The Freeman I have the pleasure of introducing Mr. W. Athow Johnston, manager of the grand, an American manager who has proved to be a thoroughbred, free from prejudice. He is cordial to the press, according to the material worth of its representatives, and interested in the welfare of the public, which always supports him. He hires more colored help than any other theater on State street an ddeserves the patronage of a liberal thinking people.

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Among the business and entertainment places on the Stroll, The Freeman offers a good directory in its Chicago advertisements, which shows who the progressive people really are. The cabaret at Teenan Jones' place is going big. Edgar Lillison is the cabaret manager. The entertainers are Elvira Johnson, Caroline and W. H. Crump. The orchestra consists of E. Scott, C. H. Black, Harry Massengale and Prof. Tony Jackson. The Ranier is growing popular. Mamie Cloyd is the entertainer and Benjamin Turner pianist. The Elite orchestra consists of Ollie Perry, G. W. Brown and Raymond Greene. Big Will Rivers, Alice Moore and Sallie Lee Johnston are the entertainers.

The Panama stars are Ada (Brick) Smith, Cora Green, Florence Mills and Mattie Hite. Music is furnished by Charles Hill, J. H. Armstrong and Ollie Powers, who also sings.

The Stop Off, at 17 East 35th street, J. A. Barber's new buffet and concert room, is the porters' and waiters' headquarters. Raleigh Thompson's Office, and Carpenter's New Hermit Club buffets at 47th street, both have fine cabaret attractions. The De Luxe is doing a fine business since the pool and billiard parlor has been opened, and the buffet service is excellent. The Mission, George W. Holt's fine new buffet and billiard parlor at 3504 State street, has a fine class of gentleman trade. George Porter is his main man, and is very accommodating.

S. A. Williams is the popular proprietor of the billiard hall over Harrison's restaurant, and Harrison, by the way, has a sanitary tile window display. The Mineral Springs is doing nicely and Bill McCullough is there to greet his friends. Harry Kelly continues to grow popular at the La Verdo. The Crawford Cabaret opening was a grand success by George E. Strothers and Garnett Posey. Sadie Johnson and Lena Turner entertained. Salk's lunch has good food and waiter service. J. D. Lewis, the tailor, is doing a big business. Dunn & Hight's is the main place at 51st street. Porter's drug store is nicely equipped in every way.

The "L" restaurant is now owned by W. C. Hall at 11 East 31st street, and business has picked up since it has opened under colored management. J. E. Webb, the pioneer taxicab and touring car man, keeps two automobiles busy and makes wedding and funerals a specialty. His headquarters are at the Panama. Rogers taxi service, and S. W. Winfrey are also stationed at the Panama. The Crescent market at 38-40 West 35th street, is a place where they give colored people good, satisfactory service.

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Salem Tutt Whitney to Be Seen at the Grand.

The Grand theater will throw open its doors for the first time in its history to the best combination company—"The Smart Set"—seen on the road this season, Monday, December 27. On this occasion Salem Tutt Whitney, a most talented comedian, playwright and composer, will be distinguished as the first star, with his own company of forty people surrounding him to support him in his latest musical comedy creation, "George Washington Bullion Abroad." And this engagement will positively be the most notable advent of the season on State street, and the crowds that the late Aida Overton Walker and later Black Patti drew are easily expected to be duplicated. Whitney, the Ernest Hogan of later days, and Homer Tutt and Blanche Thompson, prototypes of George and Aida Overton Walker, will remind us of the past, but in a new play, and these stars are new people. Society will no doubt turn out in full and know why I commend them in doing so. There will be two shows nightly, 7:30 and 9:30 p. m., three on New Year's day and Sunday. There will be no change in the prices and a special watch meeting performance will be given on New Year's Eve.

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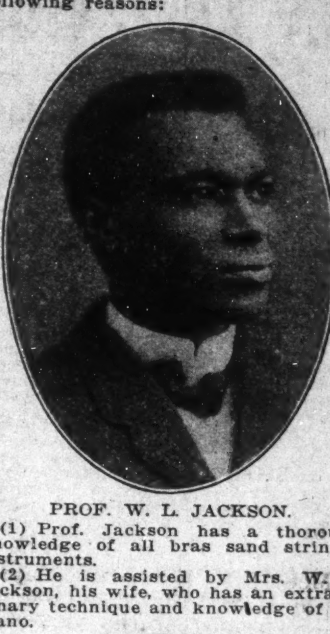
Last September marked the beginning of the sixth successful year of the W. L. Jackson Music School, at 3109 State, second floor, apartments next to the Lincoln bank. The success of the school is attributed to the following reasons:



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MRS. W. L. JACKSON.

(3) The course of study has been carefully selected and is so progressive that it accomplishes its purposes for old and young.

(4) The studio has been remodeled for the convenience of teaching music, and they have now sixty pupils enrolled.

Prof. Jackson is to play "Ernst F Minor Concerto" in his annual concert in February. Besides being an instructor the South Side music store is a part of Mr. Jackson's business, where all brass and stringed instruments are bought, sold and exchanged.

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Follow the Crowd to the "Smart Set" Show.

"George Washington Bullion Abroad," they say,
Is slicker than the shows on Broadway;
But some folks are blind to the wit of Whitney,
Because he is dusky—well, what is a "jitney"?
Just follow the crowd to the "Smart Show—Do you get me?

Just follow the crowd to the Grand and s'lam!
And if you are late get lost in the jam;
The "Smart Set" will draw the elite, you know,
And all the strollers of State street will go;
So follow the crowd to the "Smart Set" show, and don't be slow.

THE PYTHIAN THEATER.

The Finest Moving Picture Theater Owned and Controlled by Negroes in the United States.

The above likeness is that of Mr. Albert Watkins of Nashville, Tenn., the promoter of the Pythian theater, corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, Louisville, Ky. The Pythian theater is located in the Pythian Temple. Associated with Mr. Watkins is Mr. Richard Hill, former professor of science in the public schools of Nashville. The Pythian theater has the distinction of being the only colored playhouse that the Wurlitzer mammoth orchestra piano.

Mr. Watkins is proprietor of the Jitney lunch room, 402 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn.; Manhattan Exchange, 404 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn.; the Porters' and Waiters' Pool Room, 406 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn.; and the Excelsior Pool Room, 417 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn.

QUEEN DORA.

The world's greatest fire dancer, wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Since January last she has been playing independent vaudeville (white time), having her own special agent, Mr. B. F. Gibson (white), and has toured the states of Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin to good business.

Queen Dora had quite an experience while working vaudeville, as she was without an electrician for nearly three weeks, but is now working again with the aid of a white electrician. She has joined Wm. McCabe's Georgia Troubadours for the balance of the season. Queen Dora is not only doing her many pretty acts, but is taking all leading parts in the show.

Hello, Coy Herndon. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you were only here to eat a big turkey dinner with us Christmas! Ha, ha!

J. L. NICHOLSON
Of the Columbia and Dunick Theaters, Indianapolis.

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PROF. EPH. WILLIAMS

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL, ALSO HIS WIFE, FAMILY AND ENTIRE CO.

Prof. Eph. Williams, well known throughout the country as the foremost colored showman of the universe has been in the show business for the past thirty years and by his indeafatqable efforts and careful attention to business details, has reached a pinnacle seldom attained by white or colored. He is the only member of his race who has ever run a 17-car show which was entirely owned, managed and controlled by him. He is best known to the show world as a horse trainer. When he was in vaudeville his pony act was the best and highest class act of its kind to be found anywhere, playing the leading houses of the country; was always a headliner. He has gained the sobriquet of The Man That Makes Horses Talk, a title which he should be proud of. His entrance as a manager of Famous Troubadorus and Silas Green Co. began nine years ago and from a company of hardly any financial standing has successfully managed and brought it to a high standard, second to none, and Professor Williams and his Silas Green Co. stands a credit to the entire colored race. If there is a colored company more substantially backed by brains and money, where are they? Did you ever think about that? Prof. Williams' pleasing personality and straightforward honest business acumen has made life-long friends of all he has come in contact with. Prof. Williams is a philanthropist in its broadest sense. As many who read this article can truthfully acknowledge his generosity. The Silas' Green Co. has not closed since its inception nine years, winter or summer. What other colored show can equal that? Mrs. Rhoda Williams, his worthy helpmeet, is a woman of sterling character and a thorough business woman with not a tinge of the suffragette. Prof. Williams has four children, Vivian, John, Josephine and Little Virginia are worthy examples, rising Afro-America by their sunny dispositions, perfect physique and refinement in manner are typical chips off the old block. Prof. Williams' real estate is well and safely invested but his pride is his winter park Florida home of thirty acres where he raises oranges and all kinds of citrus fruits and vegetables as well as chickens, geese, ducks and horses. A park for colored people in Huntington, W. Va., stores and flat buildings in Charleston, W. Va., a homestead near Blackstone, Va., a four-story flat in Chicago and lots of property in his home state, Wisconsin. Prof. Williams, like a good many of our great men, started poor boy and stands a shining example of what thrift and perseverance can accomplish His company now numbers forty-five people, traveling in steel cars. Will be in your city. Watch for announcement in papers and billboards. Following is the present roster: Prof. Eph. Williams, sole owner and manager; R. A. Williams, treasurer; R. C. Puggsley, business manager; W. Goff Kennedy, director of amusements; Max C. Elliott, general agent with two assistants; E. W. Blake, musical director; C. H. Coffey, producer; Eb. Clayton, superintendent of canvas with twelve assistants; C. H. Mercer, twenty-four man; Ross H. Jackson, James Carm n, superintendent of stock; Joe Helm, superintendent of lights; James Williams, chef; Dan ——, head porter Leroy Knox, C. H. Coffey, Clifton Boyd, Frank Smedley, Ford Wiggins, Emmett Anthony, Jap Reed, Alice Ramsey the 20th Century Girl, Ada Lockhard, Mildred Pellebone, Iris Boyd, Wilnette Freeman, Jennie Williams, Rene Jonathan, Edna Carter, Edna Clayton and Mamie Brown and Elzie Ray. The entire company wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The permanent address of this company is Hatch Printing Co., Nashville, Tenn. All mail sent there will be forwarded at once.

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Madam Jones is at present at her home with her mother at 7 Wheaton street, Providence, R. I., attending to her real estate affairs and incidentally looking over a dozen manuscripts from which she hopes to select a novelty for her next season's production, which commences early in August.

During the iterim of season Madam Jones has found time to accept a limited number of vaudeville engagements in the better class of theaters in the East, and is contemplating several inducing offers from the middle West. She has found it advisable to book her own engagements direct, thereby avoiding the heavy fees exacted from the booking exchanges.

By special request and a remuneration, said to be the largest ever paid to any colored artist, Madam Jones recently filled an engagement at the Grand Theater, Chicago, where she scored a triumphant success, both in the artistic rendition of her superb selections and from an attendance standpoint. At every performance hundreds were turned away, and Madam regretted that other engagements prevented her from remaining over another week. The managment, however, finally secured her consent for a return engagement at an early date. Madam would be pleased to her from all friends.

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

"BIRTH OF A NATION" BARRED AT CHARLESTON, W. VA.

A telegram from that faithful "watchman on the wall," T. Gillis Nutter, grand exalted ruler of the Elks and efficient attorney at law, announces that "The Birth of a Nation" has been barred from the amusement houses of Charleston, W. Va., and there is much rejoicing among all classes of citizens of that town because of this victory for civic righteousness. Mr. Nutter says:

"We have succeeded in having the city authorities suppress 'The Birth of a Nation,' booked here for the twentieth company. The film people may take the case into court, but we are prepared to fight them to the last ditch. We have decided to fight the presentation of the infamous picture at any cost."

The outcome will be watched with interest. The colored people have strong friends among the best and most influential social and political factors in West Virginia and they will not permit the dignity of the intelligent and progressive Negroes to be insulted if there is any legal way to prevent it.

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"WHAT BECAME OF DEEGAN FOLK?"

This is the new title to the play which had its premier a few days ago at Buffalo, with Robert Hilliard as the star. The original name of the production was "Pride of Race," and the fact that the story revolved around a significant phase of the so-called "race problem" was widely advertised in the press. The play was extensively reviewed by the dramatic critics in Buffalo and it went pretty well, but the finals did not suit a great many persons who cannot stomach epigrams that touch upon anything savoring of "equality," nor enjoy even a bit of fiction in which the relations of the races are treated in serious vein. The plot is so constructed, as we see from contemporaneous comment, that the climax borders upon the tragic and the incidents are logically and consistently worked out. The whole recital is so deftly woven that were the problem anything but the sentimental contact of the white and "mixed" races, it would be a welcome addition to the high-class "melting pot" studies of this analytical age. When the Hilliard company reached Baltimore, the management deemed it expedient to eliminate the aspect of color that had been made prominent in styling it "The Pride of Race," and the new title selected is "What Became of Deegan Folk?" leaving the nature of the plot considerably in the air. This city was to have had the play at an early date. A representative of a local theater journeyed to Baltimore to witness a production of the piece. The report he brought back did not condemn the play, but it was sufficiently dubious to cause the Washington manager to take the matter under advisement and delay its presentation here until a more thorough examination of the dialogue can be made. The managers of the white theaters here are conservative. They have steadily refused to allow "The Birth of a Nation" to get a foothold here. Now they say they will lose ground if they allow another play to be seen that reflects the tolerant side of the race problem, which might give offense to the element that the "Birth of a Nation" would please. Negotiations are still pending between the local management and the Hilliard representatives.

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"Broadway Rastus" is to have a return engagement.

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Russell and Johnson went strong at the Howard last week.

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Miss Susie Sutton is in Baltimore this week at the Lincoln.

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J. Lebrie ill's new show is booked for next month at the Howard.

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The Waltons (Earl and Lulu) have been in Cambridge, Md., for a week's stay.

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Miss Gertrude N. Ryan, the Howard's popular cashier, is in New York City, on a well-earned vacation.

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Misses Mabel Gant and Bert Perkins had a good week at the Howard. They constitute one of the best sister teams in the business.

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Miss Laura Hammond, well-known to theatergoers by her long connection with the Minnehaha (now Dudley), is in the box office at the Howard, during the absence of Miss Gertrude N. Ryan, who is spending a vacation season in New York City.

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Fiddler and Shelton, in the new dramatic and protean offering, will be seen at the Howard shortly after their opening in New York.

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Miss Lyllyn Browne and Billy DeMont will be in Washington soon. They have been doing well at the Standard in Philadelphia.

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The Frazier brothers, Sellman and Rhone and Miss Louise Cook constitute Manager Martin's excellent bill at the Blue Mouse this week.

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Manager A. [illegible] Thomas has been looking for the [illegible] Leubrie Hill show to start this way. There may be a good Christmas date open here for the right party.

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The Howard University Dramatic Company is to present a classical drama "Herod," this year. It will deal interestingly with the biblical story of the cruel king.

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The Towels "came clean" at Dudley's last week and "wiped up." They put on a decidedly clever musical act and Mr. Towels rendered his own song, "We All Grow old in Time" in fine style.

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Puggsley and White met with a warm reception last week at Dudley's. Miss White sings "The Mad-House Rag" with a feeling and Mr. Puggsley's acrobatic dancing was a taking feature.

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Frederico DeBotts and Miss Bertie Benjamin have joined hands in vaudeville. They made such an impression during their recent engagement at the Jewel on Four and One-half street, southwest.

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Manager Lew W. Henry, who is a thinker as well as a doer in matters theatrical, is to have a number of articles of an intensely practical and timely nature in the Christmas editions of several prominent publications. He will have some things to say that will particularly interest his good friend and co-worker, "Babe" Townsend.

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Mr. Rufus G. Byars, the effervescent house manager at the Howard, is back on the job, after a month in Texas, piloting Judge Robert H. Terrell's lecture tour. The itinerary was "one grand, sweet song," as Mr. Byars puts it, from start to finish the trip was a continuous ovation. He will give the people an interview on the subject at an early date.

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Miss Louise Cook, after a successful run at the Dudley and Blue Mouse Theaters here and at the Hippodrome, Richmond, is enjoying a brief rest at her home in this city. Miss Cook has risen rapidly in the theatrical firmament and because of her native ability and close application to the fine points of music and its artistic interpretation, she won a permanent place among the "stars." Miss Cook's versatility is shown in the fact that she can, with equal ease, put over numbers that call for prima donna accomplishments or make an audience sit up and take notice when she asks that "Everybody Rag With Me," in soubrette roles. There is a brilliant future before this talented young woman.

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The theatrical people mourn the death of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and in "The Smart Set" and other standard companies, special note was taken of his unfortunate demise. The addresses delivered to his company and friends by Mr. Salem Tutt Whitney and his original poem, written expressly for the occasion, were notable evidences of the high esteem in which the deceased educator was held by the profession. Among the diversions of his last days was a visit to the Lafayette Theater in New York City, following which he expressed pleasure that the Negro was making so much headway in a calling that meant so much to the race in an artistic, cultural and profitable way. The stage was recognized on the program of the Boston meeting of the National Negro Business League. Irvin C. Miller, A. J. Thomas, Billy King, T. Spencer Finley, "Chicken Reel" Beaman, Lew W. Henry and others have voiced the sorrow of the craft over the passing of the race's foremost man.

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"The Incorporators" of New York City will be here December 24 (Christmas eve) to meet the Cardinals. The big game will be pulled off at Grand Army Hall, which is once more to be used for colored entertainments. Mr. Romeo L. Dougherty, dramatic editor of the New York News, is expected here with the basket ball bunch.

The Stetson-Washburn "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company is here this week at the Casino, which recently adopted a policy of playing semi-legitimate attractions at popular prices. The aim of the management seems to be to catch the crowd that once frequented the Academy of Music, and enjoyed melodrama and musical comedy at low prices. The gallery this week has been thrown open to colored patrons and it is said that if the "try-out" wins the Negroes, the policy will be continued, and that some of the colored shows will be given a "look-in" at this house. The matter is being given consideration, with a view of determining the effect from the standpoint of the managers, white and colored, and from the viewpoint of the performers of both races.

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T. Spencer Finley, the "statesman-comedian," was a "scream" last week for fair at the Howard. He appeared in the role of a chauffeur and his jokes and songs about Fords and other types of the auto family were rich. Some of his quips came very near fitting into some local mishaps connected with automobile jaunts on Maryland roads and the significance was not lost upon the intelligent audiences that attend the Howard. Mr. Finley in his witty monologue showed that he reads the papers and keeps thoroughly up-to-date. His political hot-shot put the "leaders" in good humor and his fashion talk hit the ladies squarely between the eyes. Mr. Finley is a good singer as well as an entertaining talker and he got big hands on everything he offered. He has been considering a flattering offer to manage a prominent playhouse in a metropolitan city, but may decide to accept another proposition which will place him in the business field here in Washington, along with his bright little son, Paul Laurence Dunbar Finley. Due announcement will be made as to the plans finally made.

POPULAR "SLIM" MASON SIGNS FOR SEASON 1916.

ELVIS (SLIM) MASON.

Mr. Elvis (Slim) Mason, the favorite comedian with Barnum and Bailey circus, under the direction of Prof. Wolfescale, has been coming in for a lot of favorable comment at the close of the season, as he was an attraction and deserved much credit, living up to all advanced notices, and is a real comedian.

Owing to his popularity and being so highly complimented by the press, he has been signed for the coming season of 1916. Mr. Slim Mason deserves much praise for the credit he bestows upon Prof. Wolfescale and P. G. Lowry, as he firmly believes those men have turned out more real musicians than any other two men in the business, although not a musician himself, but having served fourteen seasons in the business, making him a real showman.

So four steps forward, four steps backward, balance and reverse, let us as theater loving people wish him a great success, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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JACK "JINGER" WIGGINS.

Still in the land of the living. Not the cream of Society, but in the limelight just the same. Permanent address, The Freeman. Joe Taylor write.

NOTES OF VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

The Virginia Minstrels opened at Monroe, La., March 6th, and closed at Argenta, Ark., December 17th, covering parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, California, New Mexico and Arizona, traveling in all 15,041 miles.

C. L. Erickson, manager of the Virginia Minstrels, will put out a number three show and the name will be The Smart Set From Georgia. Note add in this weeks' Freeman.

Virginia Minstrels and Alabama Minstrels will winter at Hot Springs, Ark. The Alabama Minstrels will close at Hot Springs on Christmas day. They will play at the Auditorium both matinee and night.

BURNS AND BURNS, THE BIG BLACK CAT
SANDY AND GRETCHEN BURNS

Going big in the East after playing the Standard Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., and Dr. Hopkins' Theater at Wilmington, Del., where they played 28th to 30th. Were at Lincoln Theater, New York, Dec. 6th. The act is first class. Sandy is a Texas boy. Gretchen hails from New Orleans Managers you must give them credit, since they have made good everywhere. If you have not played this act play it; it is No. 1.

PRINCE LUTHER RUSSELL BURKE LEADER OF QUARTETTE WITH UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

Is still leading the quartet with Kibble's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." He has been with Uncle Tom ever since 1906, and in the summer season he sings opera and standard solos in Pennsylvania and West Virginia in concert halls and churches. Prince is one of the greatest opera tenors of his race, and a baritone singer of rare ability. A Merry Xmas to my friends in and out of the profession. Hello Clay, the Hand Cuff King, in Rochester, Minn.

Wanted—a lady partner. Light in color that can sing high class songs and ragtime. One who can read music and play piano. I will play on the big time this spring, singing my own compositions, but want to hear from partner at once. Send photo. Address The Freeman, 220 West Vermont St., Indianapolis, Ind.

THE PEWEES

WISHING ALL A

"A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year"

WANTED!

For Virginia Minstrels and No. 2 Show

The Smart Set From Georgia

Both shows will open at Hot Springs, Ark., about March 6th. Musicians of all kinds; must be able to play standard music. Those that answer state if you double band and stage or band and orchestra. Want good sketch teams, novelty acts, singing and dancing comedians, and in fact acts of all kinds for high class colored shows. Best of accommodation, two high Pullman berths. Salary, you get it every week. No stalling from one week to another. Want to hear from good band leader for No. 3 show, also stage manager. Both shows will have positively water proof canvas. Want to hear from Jolly E. Davis, Walter Lee, Geo. Ayers, Mose McQuitty, D. W. Batsell and Geo. Green, who does roller skating act. Add.

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MOTHERHOOD

Marie Clay Hudlin

Motherhood is of divine origin. and this being so a mother should be filled with the divine spirit. Her whole being should be permeated with love. God in this infinite wisdom dstinguished woman from man by making her the mother of humanity—in that she is superior to man. He places the helpless infant in her care and keeping and says this is yours, nuture and care for it until it matures.

And with what joy does the true mother receive this God-given charge. How her heart throbs and her bosom swells in the first joy of motherhood; how the helpless babe clings to her, and how all her tenderness of soul is stirred to its very depths at the first wail of distress from its little lips!

Mothers see to it that this love and tenderness does not lessen in its intensity as baby grows older and becomes more self assertive and independent of your care.

Let there ever be a hidden well spring of tenderness fed by the fires of divine love, that shall be ready to encircle in its all embracing compassion and sympathy at a moment's notice.

That is why God gave the child a mother—for its protection. We see that in all the animal kingdom. Note how the mother bird will fly up and the mother cat spit venom at the first approach of danger to her young.

Shall the mothers of the human family be less careful of theirs?

Man was precluded from this privilege by the injunction which was laid upon him to provide for the maintenance of the family.

Father cannot always be present to bind the bruised finger, or soothe injured spirits when someone has been unkind, but mother can and should. Do not turn your little ones away with a hasty or impatient gesture because their little physical injuries and heartaches are like great tragedies to them, and by drawing them to you and giving them the love and sympathy they seek—from the only source of their knowledge—you thereby teach and encourage them to come to you later when trials and dangers of greater magnitude assail them, which sooner or later will surely come to boy and girl alike.

But in the exercise of this love and sympathy, which it is your great privilege to bestow, may it be guided and tempered by wisdom and discretion, so that there will be no glossing over or shielding your children from error and wrongdoing.

Seek wisdom so you may be able to point them from error unto truth. When need be, in love, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying," and may you be able to say with the great teacher of wisdom, "My son or daughter give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways."

3250 Vernon Avenue, Chicago. Illinois.

What Our Women are Doing!

By Grace Lucas-Thompson.

A WOMAN'S THOUGHT.

Toward what end of life we move
I know not, and I cannot say.
I only know that where we wend
A power of beauty shows the way.
I only know that while we're here
Or how we drift, or whence or why,
There is an unseen presence near,
And I shall follow till I die.

If there's a heaven, well and good,
Or if our heaven is what we find
In peace of heart and that sweet food
Of thought that compasses the mind,
The one thing true to each and all
Is that in perfect sweet we move
Toward some dream within whose thrall
There dwells immortal hope and love.

I shall not murmur or complain
To know or know not—this I feel,
Whatever end may be in store
I have felt perfect moments steal,
And I have known some joy and rest,
Some comfort and some cheer of soul,
And surging through my contrite breast
Some union with the spiritual Whole.
—Selected.

One of the 5 and 10-cent stores of Cleveland, Ohio, employs colored sales-ladies.

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Miss Mabel Harbert is kindergarten teacher in one of the white schools of San Francisco.

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Mrs. Mabel Lewis Imes and Mrs. Maggie Porter Cole were members of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers.

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Miss A. E. Hughes, Ph. C., is treasurer of the State Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical Association of Texas.

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According to the Martinsburg Pioneer Press, the world's record in stenography and typewriting is held by a colored woman.

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Miss Osia McGee is a senior in pharmacy at Meharry Medical School. Miss McGee is the beneficiary of several thousand dollars by the will of a relative.

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Miss Sarah Woodall is supervisor of the Jeanes fund for the district of Alabama. Recently prizes were awarded by her for the best front yards showing greatest care and skill in cultivation.

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Alice Kimbrough is employed by the Ismert Milling Company, of Kansas City, to demonstrate their flour. She makes all kind of bread, cakes and biscuits for church dinners, bazaars and club entertainments.

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Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, East Orange, N. J., is a most capable and energetic business woman. Twenty-eight years ago she was a housegirl making $14 a month. Now she owns and pays taxes on property valued at $75,000.

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An exchange says, "Young ladies who paint their cheeks get plenty of criticism, but they are generally looked at the second time, just the same." One might add that the same thing is true of the men who "paint the town red."

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Mrs. Martha Washington, a former slave, living at Cincinnati, Ohio, is a student of the night school. She is 72 years old and has been attending the night classes for fifteen years. She expects to continue her studies until she receives a diploma on merit.

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Abe Martin deserves a medal because he has brought to light such a true condition of affairs. He asks: "Why is it there's only about two days in a whole year when a feller has th' energy, paraphernalia an' inclination, all at the same time, to write a letter."

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Mrs. Emma Lee Williams has established at Washington a department of elocution, in connection with the Conservatory of Music, presided over by Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall. Mrs. Williams possesses the rare gift of naturalness in her work and is in great demand at the high class recitals given at the nation's capital.

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Sixteen young women (married and single) compose the Social Circle Club of Topeka, Kan. The object of the club, as its name implies, is charity work. Several baskets were sent out Thanksgiving and these are to be followed by more at Christmas time. Elizabeth J. Porter is president, Ola L. Perkins, secretary, and Ellen E. Page, treasurer.

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Miss Lillian P. Luck, prominent in fraternity work in Cambridge, Mass., and identified with the Advocate of that city, is an elocutionist of rare ability. At the notable armory meeting in Cambridge, at the National Negro Business League, she rendered several selections from Dunbar. She was highly commended by Mayor Good, Dr. Booker T. Washington and visitors from Harvard College.

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For a woman busy to her finger tops, talented, versatile and brilliant to a degree, commend me to Mrs. Georgia Douglass Johnson, wife of Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is not only a genius in musical accomplishment, but has earned much praise as a writer of interesting short stories and poems. Her poems will live long because they have the faculty of gripping the soul of one with their heart interest.

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Mrs. Hallie B. Williams-Craigwell, formerly of Waco, Texas, enjoys the distinction of being the first colored visiting teacher appointed in New York City, her home for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Craigwell is a woman of rare tact and intelligence, coupled with executive ability and a pleasing personality. For the past two years she has had charge of the work with girls of the National Urban League of New York City, and thus gained an experience that will serve her in good stead in the new field she has undertaken.

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Mrs. Alexander Walters, wife of the distinguished Zion prelate, is a speaker of clearness and force, and in recent years has been of great assistance to her busy husband in filling engagements on the platform, when it has been impossible for him to make his appearance. Mrs. Walters is highly educated, possesses a sympathetic personality, and is prominent in the club life and social settlement work of the women of New York City. Prior to her marriage to Bishop Walters she was a teacher in the public schools of Louisville, Ky.

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The new building to succeed the M street high school, now in process of erection in Washington, D. C., is to be named in honor of Charlotte Forten Grimke, the late wife of Rev. Francis J. Grimke. She was an author and organizer in the earlier days of the race's citizenship, and served capably as a member of the Washington board of education. She was a descendant of a line of abolitionists of Philadelphia. The new institution, to be named after her, will be the "last word" in school architecture and will cost over a half-million dollars.

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Friends of Booker T. Washington received this beautiful greeting, Christmas, 1912: There is one Christmas gift that any man can give to any other, and that is a little more genuine and a little more kindly interest in his neighbor's troubles, whatever that neighbor may believe them to be. This kind of gift has the advantage that it will be received with just as much gratitude by a rich man from a poor man, by a white man from a black man, as by a poor man from a rich, or a black from a white. Good will was the first Christmas gift and it is still the best.

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Mme. Anita Patti Brown is meeting with gratifying success at Trinidad, British West Indies. Her next stand will be British Guiana, where she has bookings for three weeks, with Bahia, Brazil, to follow. She is highly commended by the press, and the people of both races seem very proud of her and extend to her the same courtesies accorded the white celebrities who visit the island. The fair diva is a good sailor and reports that her voyage of nine days from New York to Trinidad was filled with pleasure—that she had congenial ship-mates and plenty of good things to eat, with social diversions galore. She will not return to "the States" before late in the spring.

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Mrs. Mary E. Washington, a Kentuckian by birth and an Indianian by adoption, is one of the really useful women of the race. With a commanding presence, affable, sympathetic and loving, and loyal unto death to her friends, Mrs. Washington is a born leader. She is equally at home in the church, lodge room, reception hall, or kitchen. As district most noble governor of Indiana she has done a most splendid work and has set a standard that will be hard for her successor to reach, and practically impossible to excel. Her annual report at the last session revealed a master mind for detail and constructive power and was full of wise suggestions and sympathetic support to the struggling lodges of the state. Mrs. Washington is a charming widow with some of this world's goods to make her doubly interesting.

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To Mme. E. Azalia Hackley is due a very large measure of the credit of saving the delightful "folk-songs" to the people of Boston. When the fever was highest against these songs and the movement to oust them from the music books of the public schools was strongest, Mme. Hackley rehearsed a great chorus in "The Hub" and put on at the great Symphony Hall a full program of the "folk-songs" then under fire, disregarding the intense criticism hurled against her by persons of both races, who thought certain references to the Negro in these songs to be unwholesome. A packed house greeted Mme. Hackley's chorus and "Suwanee River." "Susannah," "Ole Black Joe," "Old Kentucky Home" and the rest of them so took the masses by storm that the protests suddenly ceased. It was found that there was nothing detrimental to the colored people in any of these songs. The melody was so distinctively beautiful, and the spirit of such a sacred nature that not only were the songs preserved intact in the school books, but Mme. Hackley received an ovation at the hands of the patrons of her festival and was presented with a generous-sized purse of money, in testimony of her courage and valued service.

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Miss Marie A. D. Madre is keeping up her remarkable record as president of the famous Bethel Literary and Historical Association of Washington, D. C., conceded to be the leading forum for public discussion conducted by the race in the United States. She is now serving her fifth year as the head of this useful body and is the first and only person to have served its president, for so long a time. Bethel Literary has been addressed by the foremost statesmen and literateurs of the world. Among the speakers who have appeared upon its programs are Former President W. H. Taft, Booker T. Washington, Dr. E. W. Blyden, Frederick Douglass, Major John R. Lynch, Richard T. Greener, Charles W. Chestnutt, W. E. B. DuBois, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, J. C. Napier, Major R. R. Moton, Senator Moses E. Clapp, Bishops Thirkield, Walters, Grant, Coppin, and many others of like prominence. One of the most interesting and enthusiastic meetings of each year is "Howard Night," when the faculty and student body of Howard University and their friends pack Metropolitan A. M. E. church and "make the welkin ring" with their college claps and yells, amid a waving of pennants and college colors. Miss Madre, the president of Bethel, is a graduate of Howard's Law Department, a teacher in the public schools of Washington, and is chairman of the Woman's Federation of the District of Columbia—an active factor indeed in the social and intellectual uplift of the nation's capital.

MRS. GRACE LUCAS THOMPSON, AN INDIANAPOLIS PRODUCT.

Herewith is presented a striking likeness of Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson, who is well known to the readers of The Freeman through the luminous record she is spreading before them week after week of "What Our Women Are Doing." In terse and epigrammatic phrase she portrays the helpful activities, the hopes, aspirations and successes of the women of our race, who are doing a phenomenal work for the betterment of mankind by the love and service they so cheerfully lay upon the altar of life. Mrs. Thompson is a graceful and engaging writer and possesses the happy faculty of being able to extract the "kernel of the news," without obscuring its nutriment by ornate, and oftimes, useless verbiage. She deals with facts that are instructive, brightened by a sentiment that is ennobling.

This talented young woman is a Hoosier by birth and was, during her girlhood, a popular member of the social circles of Indianapolis, and is connected with one of the oldest and best families in this section of the country—the Browns of North West street. In addition to other attractive accomplishments, Mrs. Thompson is a dramatic reader of no mean ability and a conversationalist of rare wit and humor. Some years ago she was married to Mr. R. W. Thompson, the national correspondent, and is now the center of a group of admiring friends at Washington, where her cozy S street home is the recognized headquarters of all Hoosier itinerants who find their way into the gates of the nation's capital. Simple, direct and hospitable, Mrs. Thompson is an ideal helpmate to her busy husband, and the cordial welcome extended by her to a host of their friends has gone far toward convincing many that Washington is being unjustly treated when so frequently described by the cynical as "a city that has no heart."

The Freeman's readers will be glad to know these bits of information touching the personality of Mrs. Thompson, whose writings they have perused with so much pleasure and profit.

RICHARD W. THOMPSON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Foremost Newspaper Correspondent, Conducts News Bureau, Flashes Intelligence Over the Breadth of the Land.

Richard W. Thompson, commonly known as "R. W.," is one of the best-known and most experienced of the national correspondents of the race in America. He has written "pieces" for the papers of both races continuously since launching the Indianapolis Leader by the Bagby brothers in the Hoosier capital in 1879, and has been identified with The Freeman in various capacities since its establishment in 1888. Throughout his sojourn in Washington, starting in 1894, Mr. Thompson has been the staff correspondent of the "race's leading journal of civilization" in the chief center of the culture and wealth of the Negro of the nation. Mr. Thompson's contributions, editorial, "feature" articles, news-letters and special descriptive matter, published in The Freeman and elsewhere, have been read by the best people all over the land with intense interest. He handles matter on education, politics, business, religion, society, sport, theatricals, and on men and measures with equal ease and is always informing and entertaining, whether treating his theme in a paragraph or in a sustained article. His versatility as a writer is little short of remarkable and this gift has been widely commented upon by the press and public during the years he has circled the continent with his prolific pen. As a speaker and man of affairs, Mr. Thompson ranks with the leaders of the race, and he is actively identified with many of the nation-wide movements that have to do with racial uplift, being personally acquainted and popular with the chieftains of practically every calling in which our people are engaged. As a chronicler of events or as an advocate of politics, Mr. Thompson is reliable and accurate, while generous and broad-minded, being fair to all classes and courageous in telling the truth, help or offend whomsoever it may. The most forceful evidence of his virility and soundness as a news writer is the fact that he survives and prospers year after year, growing in power and influence, notwithstanding the jibes of the malicious and the efforts of the corrupt to suppress or discredit him. If his enemies are persistent, his friends are constant—and the latter are legion and loyal to the core.

Mr. Thompson is manager of a news bureau that has enjoyed national standing, covering a tremendous area and wielding an influence of which few syndicates of any period can boast. In 1909, at Louisville, in connection with the National Negro Business League, he founded the National Negro Press Association, and has twice served as its president. This association has become a vital force in the moulding of public opinion and is doing a great work in enlarging the business opportunities of the craft. Mr. Thompson, while carrying on his newspaper activities, has been pretty steadily employed in the government service in Washington and elsewhere. He is now a clerk in the treasury department at Washington, and is regarded by his superior officers as an unusually capable and efficient worker, having recently earned a substantial promotion. For years he has been a member of the staff of Tuskegee Institute and is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies enunciated by the leader whom he originally styled "The Wizard of Tuskegee."

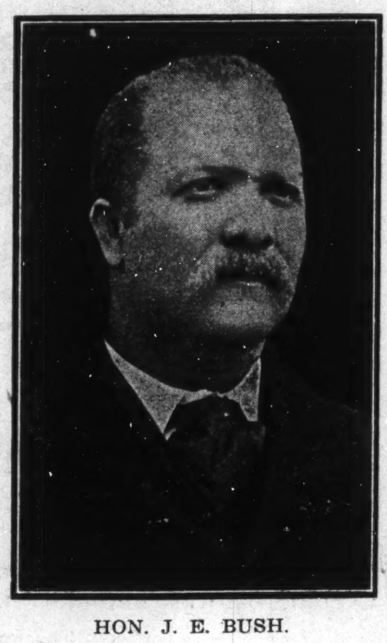
The Freeman regards Mr. Thompson as one of its most valued assistants and hopes to be able to command his services in the future, as in the past, for the edification of our readers who sit in at the feast he prepares so regularly and so satisfyingly.

SOME HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA.

The Late Dr. Booker T. Washington Was a Member—Carried An Insurance Policy.

(By Hon. J. E. Bush.)

The above cut is a true likeness of Hon. J. E. Bush, the founder of the National Order of Mosaic Templars of America, with headquarters located at Little Rock, Arkansas. This organization was founded in 1883 and chartered by the State of Arkansas. Its growth up to 1905 was very slow, its founders having to combat with obstacles that perhaps confront every Negro in this country that tries to follow a given lines, that is, if similar lines are followed by white men, the Negro, as a general rule, will follow the order laid down by the white man rather than one laid down by a member of his own race. This is true, whether it is in the grocery business, dry goods business, newspaper business or any other profession. It is a fact known to the thinkers of the race, generally, that the great mass of the Negro race seems to prefer patronizing and following the leadership of the white man rather than the leader-ship of the men of their own race. This is especially true in secret organizations, we are sorry to say that the most prominent Negroes of the race are the foremost in this practice. Mr. Bush is the only Negro in the country that ever took the stand publicly against members of his race stealing the secret works of the white man's organizations, such as Elks, The Eagles, The Pythian, Woodmen of the World or what not. He has always takn the stand that we have troubles enough to continually flaunting the red flag before the white man, as the fool would before the fighting bull in the arena. He has contended that it was high time that the Negroes of this country should be making history for his race, that when the history of the Woodmen of the World, Pythian and etc. is written no Negro's name will appear there, but it will go down in history as efforts and success of some white man. But when the history of the United Brothers of Friendship, Knights and Daughters of Tabor, National Order of Mosaic Templars of America are written, history will tell the tale that these organization were founded and originated from the fertile brain of our fathers that have long since ascended to the God that gave them to us. He believes, and it is true, that every book that is written by a Negro, every newspaper that is published by a Negro, every profession that is followed by a Negro and every secret order that was founded by a Negro will add just that much to the history of the race in years to come.



HON. J. E. BUSH.

When our boys and girls read the history of the race they can say that my father or my uncle lived years ago and he wrote up from slavery or he founded Tuskegee or he established the National Order or Mosaic Templars of America. So persistent was Mr. Bush along these lines that in 1914, when the National Grand Lodge met at Tuskegee, Alabama, with more than five thousand delegates and visitors present, Dr. Washington made an open declaration similar in every respect to that which Mr. Bush had preached for years. Dr. Washington was a member of the National Order of Mosaic Templars of America, and carried there a $500.00 policy. He loved and cherished the organization up until his death. On the occasion of his funeral the organization, Mr. Bush and his family, contributed three of the most beautiful floral offerings that were received, and the $500.00 policy carried by Dr. Washington has long since been paid. The National Order of the Mosaic Templars of America is the only Negro fraternal order in the United States that accepted the Mobile Bill and New York Conference Bill, and that, too, without any murmer or protest. They are today operating under said bills. Their last gross assets filed with the various commissioners of the United States is $204,427.89. In 1908 William Alexander, deceased, was elected National Grand Master to succeed the late C. W. Keatts, and from that date up to the present time the organization has grown by leaps and bounds.

NEGROES IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST.

(D. A. Graham, Spokane, Wash.)

As so many have written to me since I have come to the Northwest inquiring about conditions out here and the prospects for our people, I thought it might interest a few thousand of the readers of the Freeman to give them a little account of things out here as I have found them.

As the weakness of Mrs. Graham's heart made it necessary for me to leave Colorado Springs—one of the loveliest charges I have ever pastored—after but one year's residence, I came to Spokane, Wash., in the fall of 1914.

I find Spokane to be a city of over one hundred thousand population, about one thousand of whom are colored. Although the city has had a remarkable growth and is built principally upon the wealth of mines, it is a well laid out city and is modern in every way. Streets and avenues are broad and clean. Its public buildings are of the latest type and cost many millions. Among its private residences are many mansions fit for a king. For it is a fact that the kings and queens of the great gold and silver mines which lay in this region reside here. Hence, this is the metropolis of the Inland Empire. This Inland Empire embraces that part of Washington lying east of the Cascade mountains, the northern portion of Idaho and the northeastern part of Oregon. The valleys of this Empire are exceedingly fertile and produce the finest fruit, as to size, that I have ever seen grow. Hundreds of train loads of apples are shipped from this city to every state in the union. It is a sight to see train after train rolling out with nothing but apples in every car.

When asked about the opportunities for our people out here, I must say here is the chance of a life if you want to farm. You do not need a great plantation like you need in the south to make a living. Forty or fifty acres of this fruit land will bring you a handsome living. In fact, many do well with ten or fifteen acres. It is all in knowing how to utilize every acre to the best advantage.

Colored people should not come out here looking for a job, for the Japs and the Chinamen are rapidly taking all the jobs that the white man does not want for himself. But remember that the white man in this country works at all kinds of labor himself and is not ashamed to work; hence we have too many colored men looking for jobs. But the farm life is open to all who have a little money, and farms can be bought on reasonable terms. In the Yakami valley about two hundred miles west of Spokane a great many of our people have located on farms and are doing fine, but in this vicinity there are but few colored farmers. Our people in this city are doing well, however, and many of them own beautiful homes which would be a credit to any community. Mr. F. A. Stokes does a considerable real estate and collecting business. Mrs. C. S. Ryan also does a thriving real estate business. C. S. Barrows is proprietor of the X-Ray Printing Company, and he is a member of the printers' union.

Thus far it seems that only one of our people has made much money out of the mines, though millions have been made by their white neighbors, who twenty-five years ago were in no better circumstances than they. As a rule the colored man got rid of his mining stock as soon as it advanced a little, and he found plenty ready to buy. The white man held on to his and now enjoys all the luxuries of wealth, gained from what he purchased from the colored neighbor for a song. The exception to this rule is found in a Mr. Smith who has recently sold a part of his mining stock for $80,000.00, and is still drawing $10.00 a day salary from the same company to which he sold.

A more notable exception is the Clarance Ray Buffalo Hump Mining Co. This company is composed of colored men who organized fifteen years ago with the purpose of securing some of the wealth they saw slipping into their neighbors' hands. The capital stock is $100,000, divided into one million shares of ten cents each. They secured what they supposed was good gold land, and went patiently to work prospecting. Every summer they have delved a little further into the bowels of the earth, under the direction of an expert miner. Many have been their discouragements, but last summer they brought in the gold and now have three rich veins ready for operation. Geologists who have examined the disclosures say that their land of 160 acres has many millions of dollars worth of gold ore in it. As the company, though poor, has managed to keep out of debt during all these years of prospecting, now that they have laid open four hundred feet of ore, which assays for $6.00 to $10.00 per ton and grows richer as they go deeper, you may expect to hear of a wonderfully rich gold mining company of colored men within the near future.

As small as our colored population is in this city, we fought the Birth of The Nation a very bitter fight, and although we did not win we boldly declared our purpose to punish the city officials who were responsible for the show in the city election last fall. Many thought this declaration foolish, but we organized completely, and in a very hot campaign defeated the two commissioners whom we blamed, notwithstanding the fact that the two leading papers of the city supported them, as well as the street railway company and all the large interests. The same combination was against the mayor, but the colored people were for him and he was re-elected by a small majority, so that all knew that it was the colored vote which defeated the one and elected the other. It was a great surprise to our white neighbors that we could do such a thing.

The educational facilities here are the very best. The schools are modeled upon the latest plans, and white and colored mix without the least friction. In fact, everything is open to the colored child, and he is never made to feel that he is kept back or out because he is colored.

Our churches are not large, but one hundred members here are as strong financially as three or four hundred in the east or south. I mean to say that they raise as much money for each and every purpose. Of course wages are much better. Men get $3.00 a day for working on the street as common laborers. But don't all start this way now for there are too many men for the jobs already, and home men are always given the preference.

Well, as this letter is already too long, I must close.

D. A. GRAHAM,
Spokane, Wash.

"A TRIBUTE TO BOOKER TALIFERRO WASHINGTON."

No soul can ever clearly see
The plans of God, so why should we
Be discontented whenever He
Sends silent death to decree,
The ending of life's jubilee?
So now I lose myself in dream
Of one we loved with high esteem,
Who 'mid life's sobbing, panting breath
Has said "Farewell," to sleep in death.

So let us cheer; why should we weep?
Our dust stained hero is only asleep
In some fair place of blissful rest,
Where grief can never rend his breast
Like haunted visions, to molest
His soul, which has taken the test.
His life is done, and he's above
In raptured scenes of divine love.

He loved his race, and tried to heal
Its aching heart, and not reveal
Life's gloomy side, which would seal
The door of hope and make them kneel
Where joy and mirth would never steal.
With happiness upon his face,
He carried pleasure through his race—
And by the deeds he did we find
His heart in unison with mankind.

The tale is ended—his life is done—
And in death's veil there's hidden one
Who ran his race and fought and won
The goal of life, which can't be shun.
And though he went the path he trod,
By faith he went straight on to God;
And though in silence dies his frame,
Nations to come will hear and claim
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Many Climes Supply Decorations in Use Here at Christmas Time

IN THE MIDST OF GREENERY.

In the holiday season the question is often asked, "Where are all the Christmas greens gathered for our decorations?"

While almost every person decorates for Christmas there are only a few who realize the time and preparation which it requires to make Christmas a glorious day. Many of the decorations are gathered miles from their destination. The lycopodium, or green bouquet, the Indian name She-gwa-na-qua, is gathered in the North. It is used for wreathing and bouquets and is often used in making blankets as it has a very mossy appearance. The finest specimen of Christmas trees come from Vermont and Canada. These trees are very much preferred as the demand is universal for bright green colors. It requires about seven years to grow a five-foot tree.

Holly is one of the favorites and is grown mostly in South Carolina. This is a very large industry and firms make a special business of shipping their products to all parts of the country. The weather conditions have a great deal to do with the shipping supply. If there is an early frost it sometimes spots the leaves and destroys many of the berries, thus making the quality poor. The demand in recent years for holly has been so great that at times it has been almost an impossibility to supply the dealers with their complete orders.

Laurel branches are grown in the mountain ranges, many from fifteen to twenty miles from the railroad. These show a very beautiful bloom about Decoration day and are used very extensively by people in the vicinity. These bushes grow from ten to fifteen feet high and require very careful selecting as the leaves are sometimes brown and spotted.

Mistletoe, one of the popular decorations, is found in small quantities in almost every state in the Union, but the best quality is found in Mexico.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Sandy Miller was buried from Simpson M. E. church Friday, December 15. Rev. P. T. Gorham officiated.

Mrs. Elzora Smith was buried from Simpson M. E. church Monday, December 20th. Pastor Gorham afficiated.

Sunday school and Xmas exercises Saturday night, December 25th. The pastor, Rev. P. T. Gorham, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening services Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Black, a highly respected citizen and prominent member of Simpson M. E. church, was buried from the church Wednesday, December 22. Rev. P. T. Gorham officiated.

Mr. Robert R. Roberts of Charlottsville, Ind., passed through the city on Tuesday enroute to Arkansas City, Kan., to attend the funeral of his brother, John H. Roberts. He will return by way of Chicago, where he will visit relatives and friends, and will also stop off at Indianapolis before going home.

The Baptist Ministers' Alliance, which meets every Monday morning, accepted the invitation of S. N. Vast, AM., D.D., of Raleigh, N. C., with his great Bible Institute and a series of lectures to be held in this city at Ebenezer Baptist church, beginning January 23 to the 28th. The following brethren were appointed as a committee: The Rev. F. L. Morris, Rev. G. W. Gore and Rev. J. A. Holder. The book written by Rev. W. S. Hodge will be the order of the day next Monday. The Rev. G. L. Lillard president, F. L. Morris secretary.

Little Waunita Cox Dead.

Little Waunita Cox died at her home at 424 West North street, Saturday of last week. She was the adopted child of Mrs. Nora Cox. The funeral took place Tuesday from the home. Her death came after a short illness. The little miss was just three years old and many nice things had been planned for her enjoyment at Christmas when her death came, which was a great shock to her parents.

MADAME MEADOW'S SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

The Madame Meadows Spiritualist church is held at 514 Fulton street every Monday night from 8:30 to 10:30. The Madame Meadows church is the only colored church organized in the U. S. A. at Washington, D. C., which she visits every winter and summer. The madame is known as being the best spirit minister in the United States. She is known all over the world. The madame is a wonderfully gifted woman. The very best of rich white people in the city and also out of town visit her church. The madame was born with this talent. Ever since she was five years of age she has been delivering messages from the past. The madame goes abroad every summer. She is a great society woman. Last summer she and her daughter went to New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Boston. She had a fine trip. Four years ago in the summer she and her daughter went to London, England, which is her native home. The madame has a beautiful residence, which looks like a palace. She has beautiful paintings on the walls and furniture which she brought from New York this summer which is made of the finest wood, which cost her one thousand dollars. She also has a beautiful mirror which occupies one side of her wall and beautiful vases which she brought from London; they stand five feet tall and are solid cut glass. Her home is made up of beautiful china and mirrors and costly furniture. The madame has over ten thousand dollars' worth of diamonds. She has six diamonds in her teeth, and also a diamond crown and diamond necklace and bracelet. The madame also has a daughter whom she worships very much. She is very charming, and is known to society in New York. At the madame's meeting Monday night she gave seventy-three messages from the past, which were all recognized. She makes everyone welcome.

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NOTICE.

Readers of The Freeman.

There is a Mr. Henry Tyler, who is now at city hospital, not expected to live, in the city of Connersville, Pa. He was a citizen of Ohio before coming there. He has two sons and two daughters somewhere in the west, who he would like to have know of his condition.

LOST RELATIVE!

Claude Parker, 224 West Fourteenth street, Indianapolis, Ind., wishes to locate his sister, Jennie Parker, known also as Jennie Ivery. Father's name was Henry Parker and mother's name was Eliza. Last heard from in Meridian, Mississippi. Any one knowing the whereabouts please send word to Claude Parker's address or through The Freeman.

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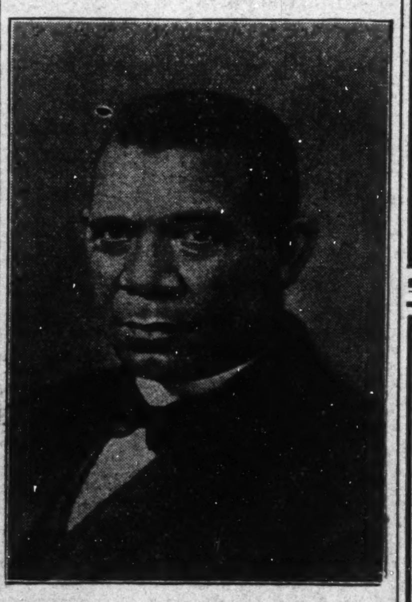

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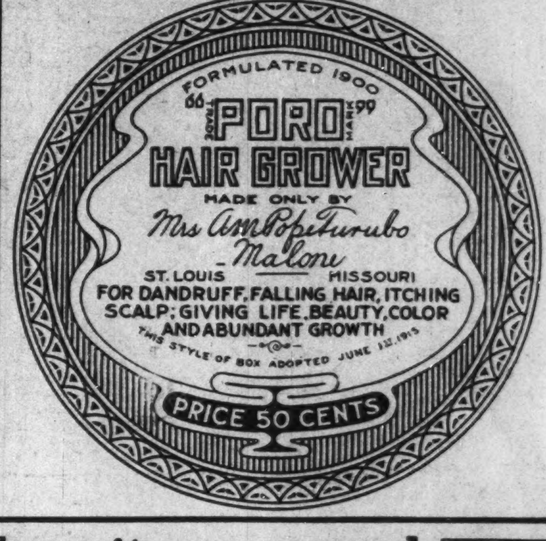
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